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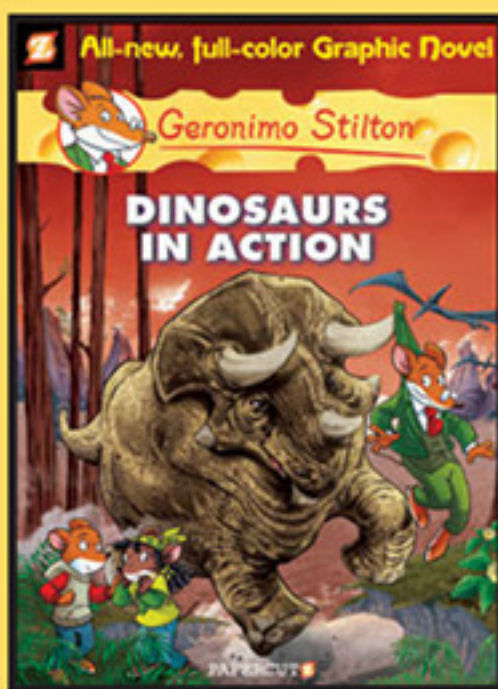
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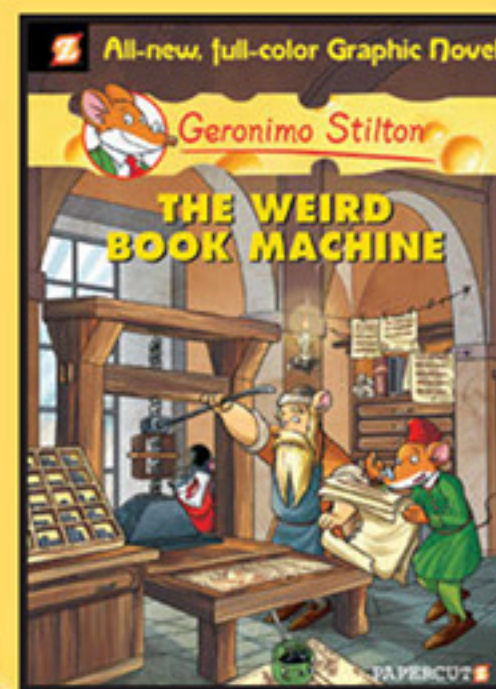
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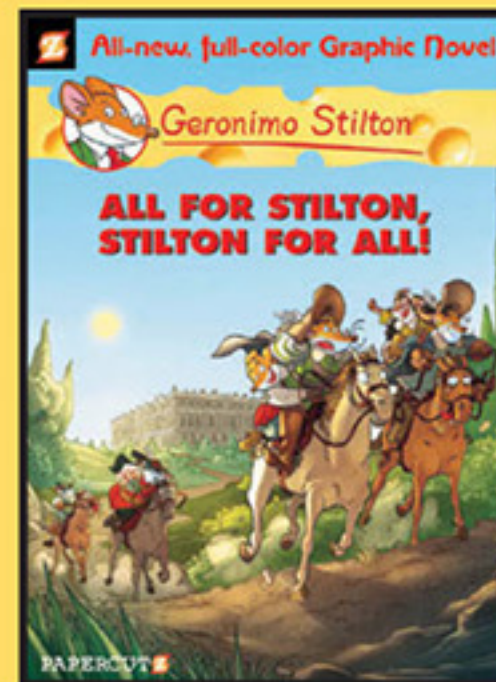
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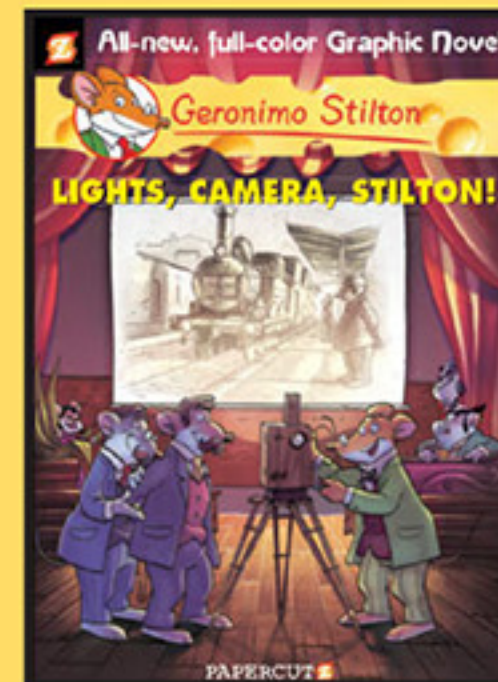
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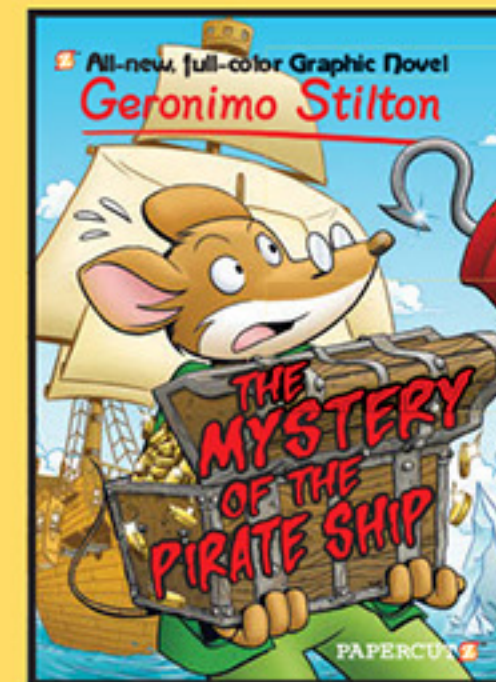
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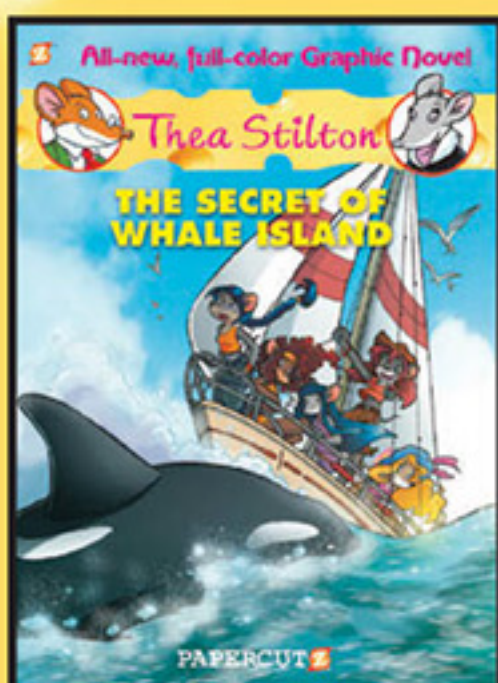
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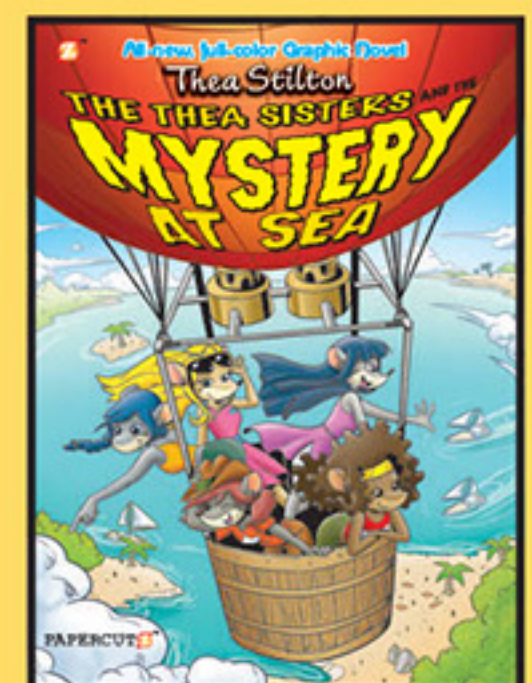
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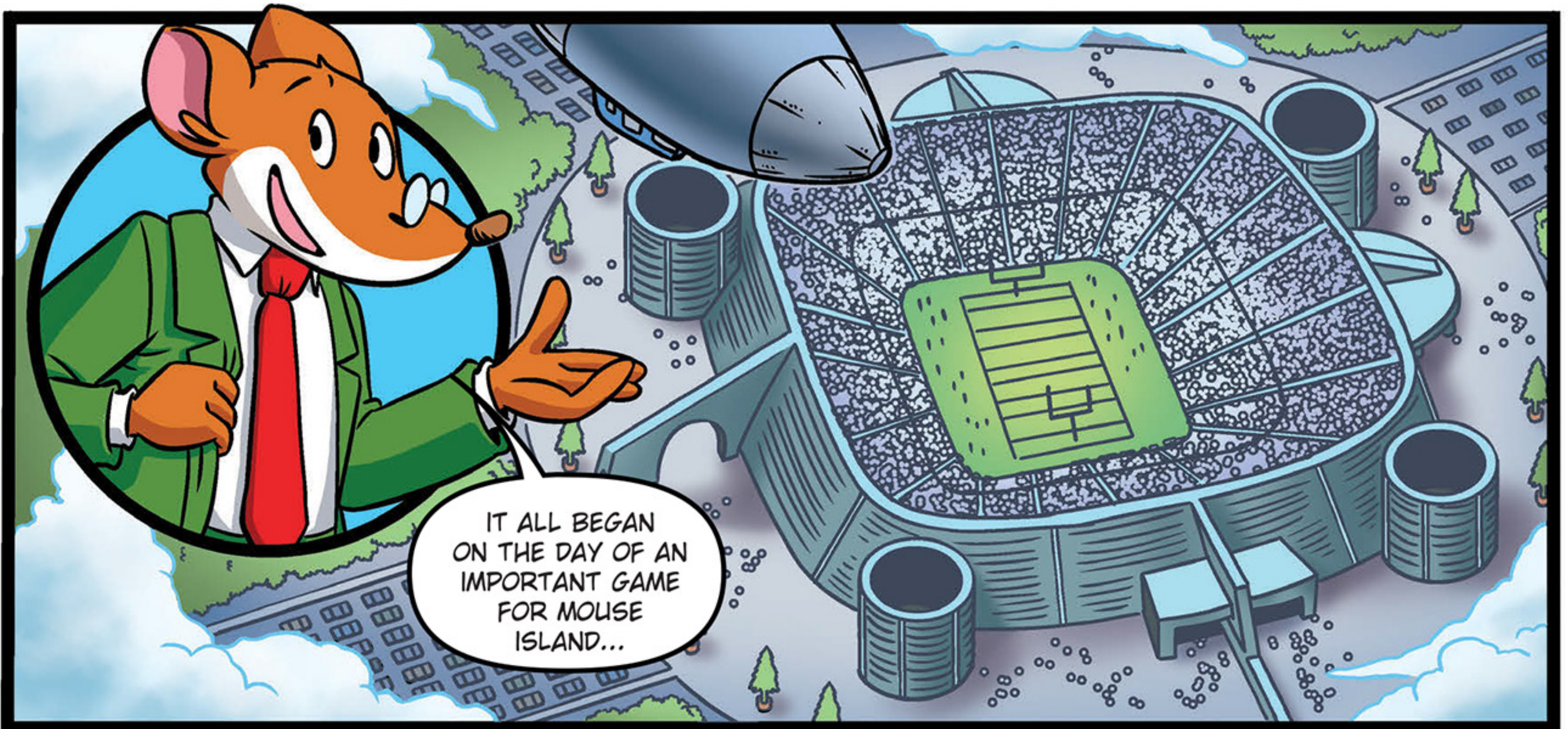
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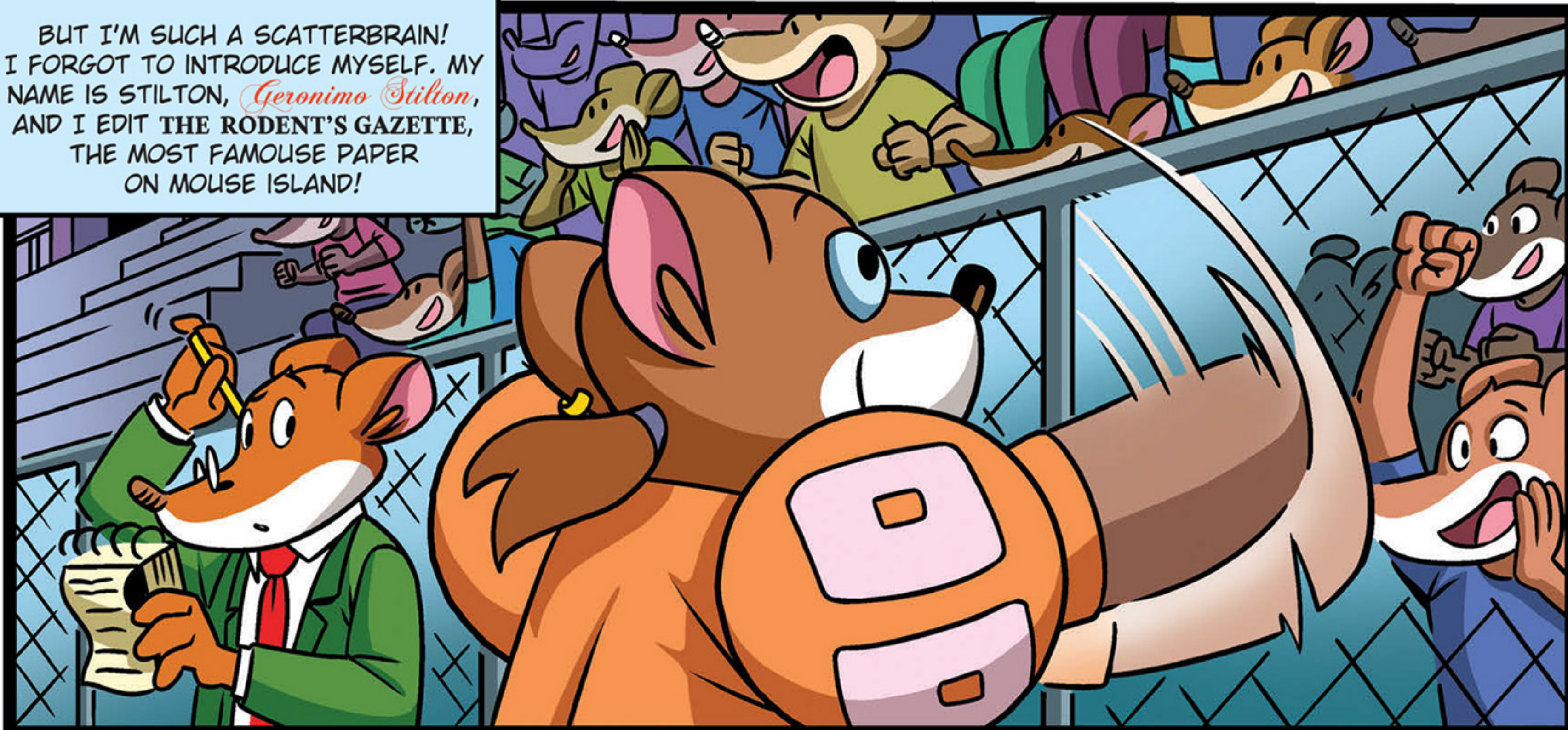
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BUT I'M SUCH A SCATTERBRAIN!
I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY
NAME IS STILTON, *Geronimo Stilton*,
AND I EDIT THE RODENT'S GAZETTE,
THE MOST FAMOUSE PAPER
ON MOUSE ISLAND!

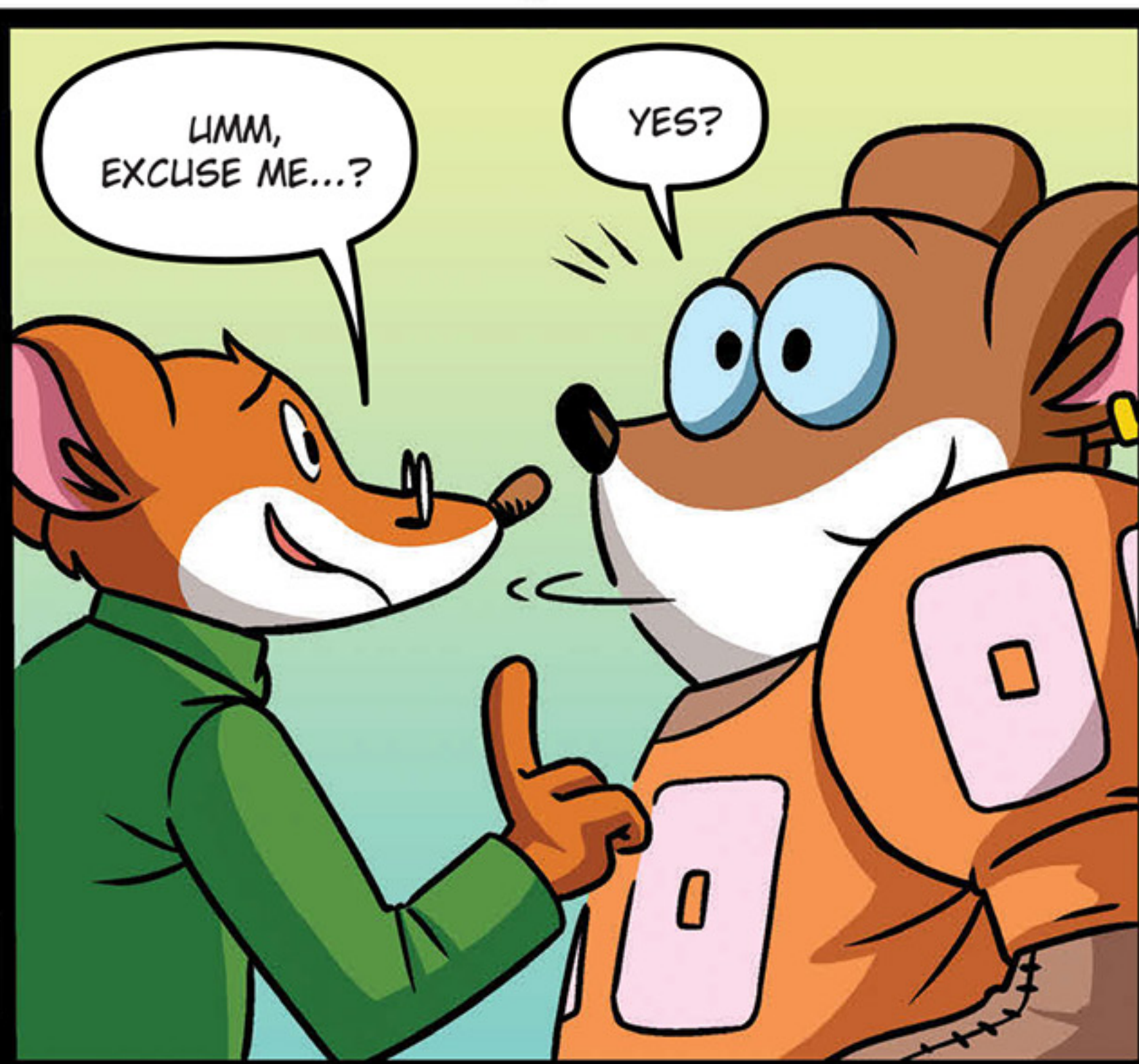


THAT MASCOT
LOOKS FAMILIAR
TO ME...



LMMM,
EXCUSE ME...?

YES?

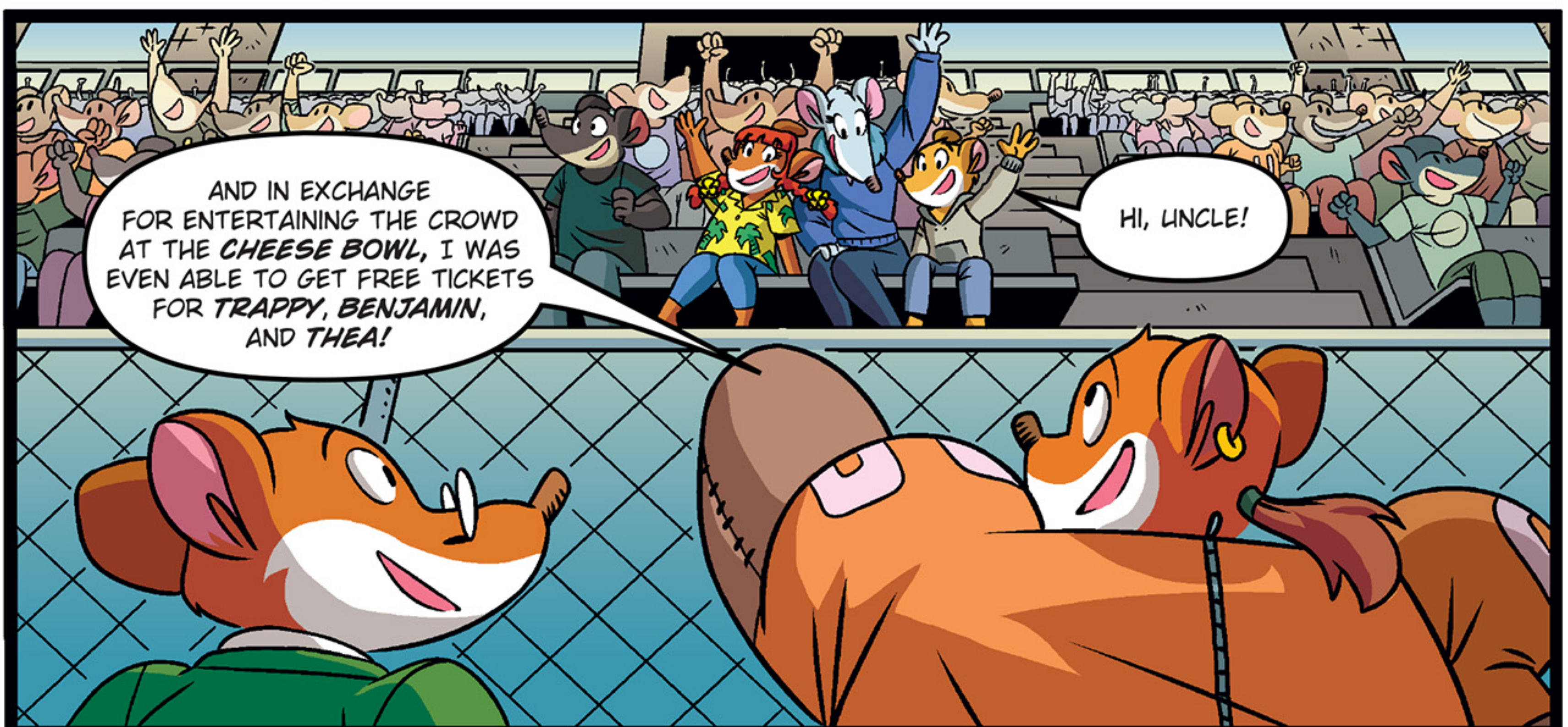
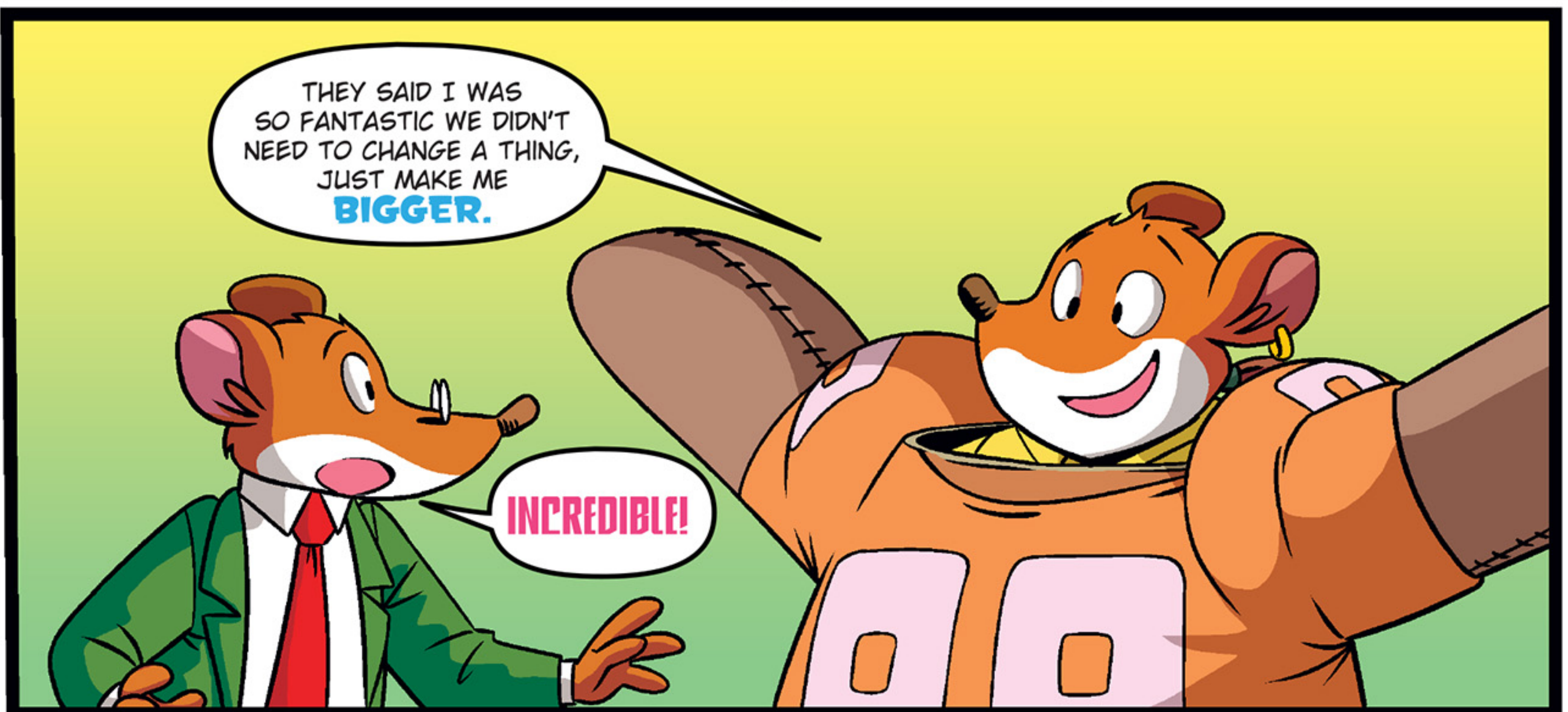
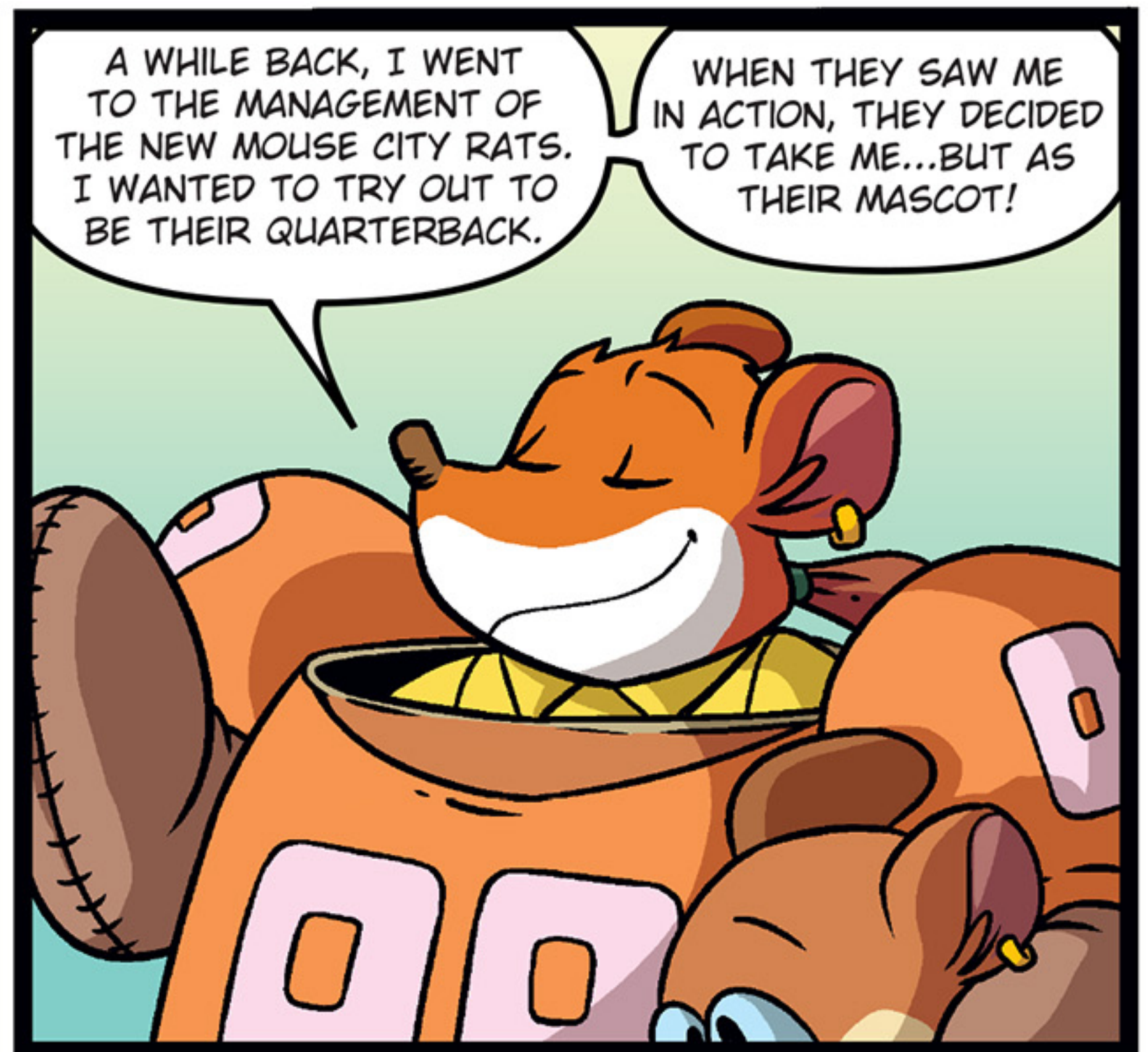


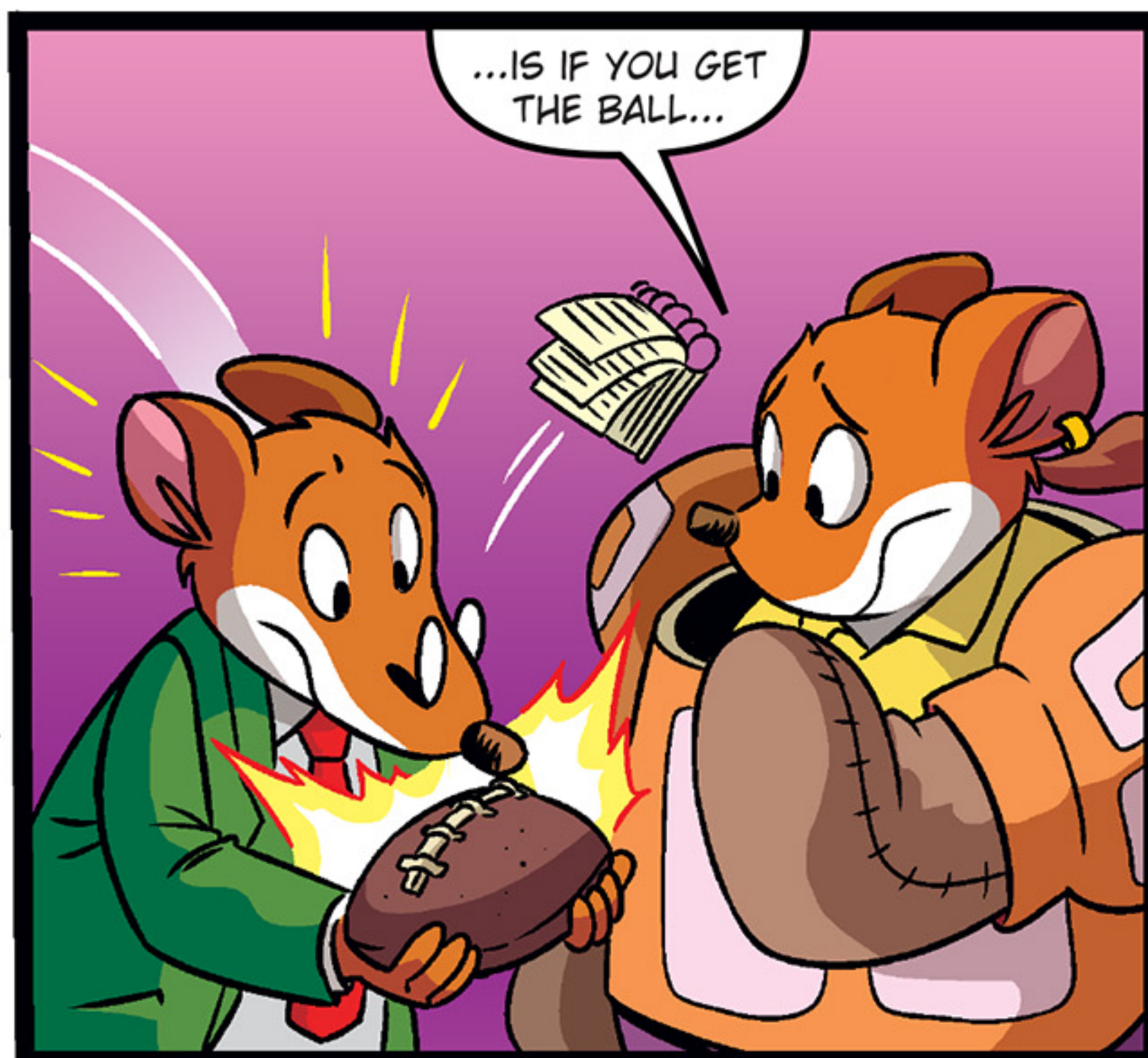
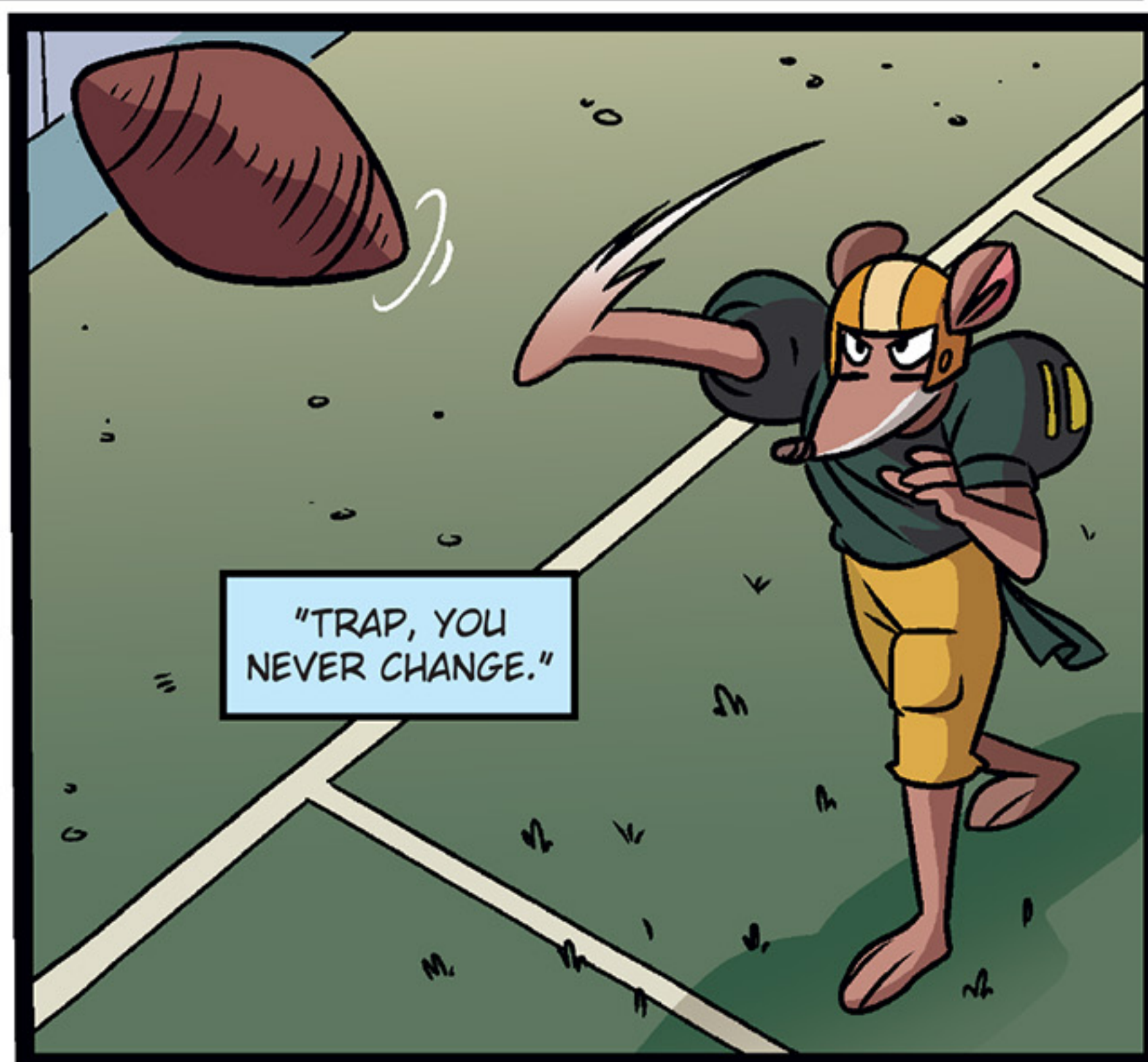
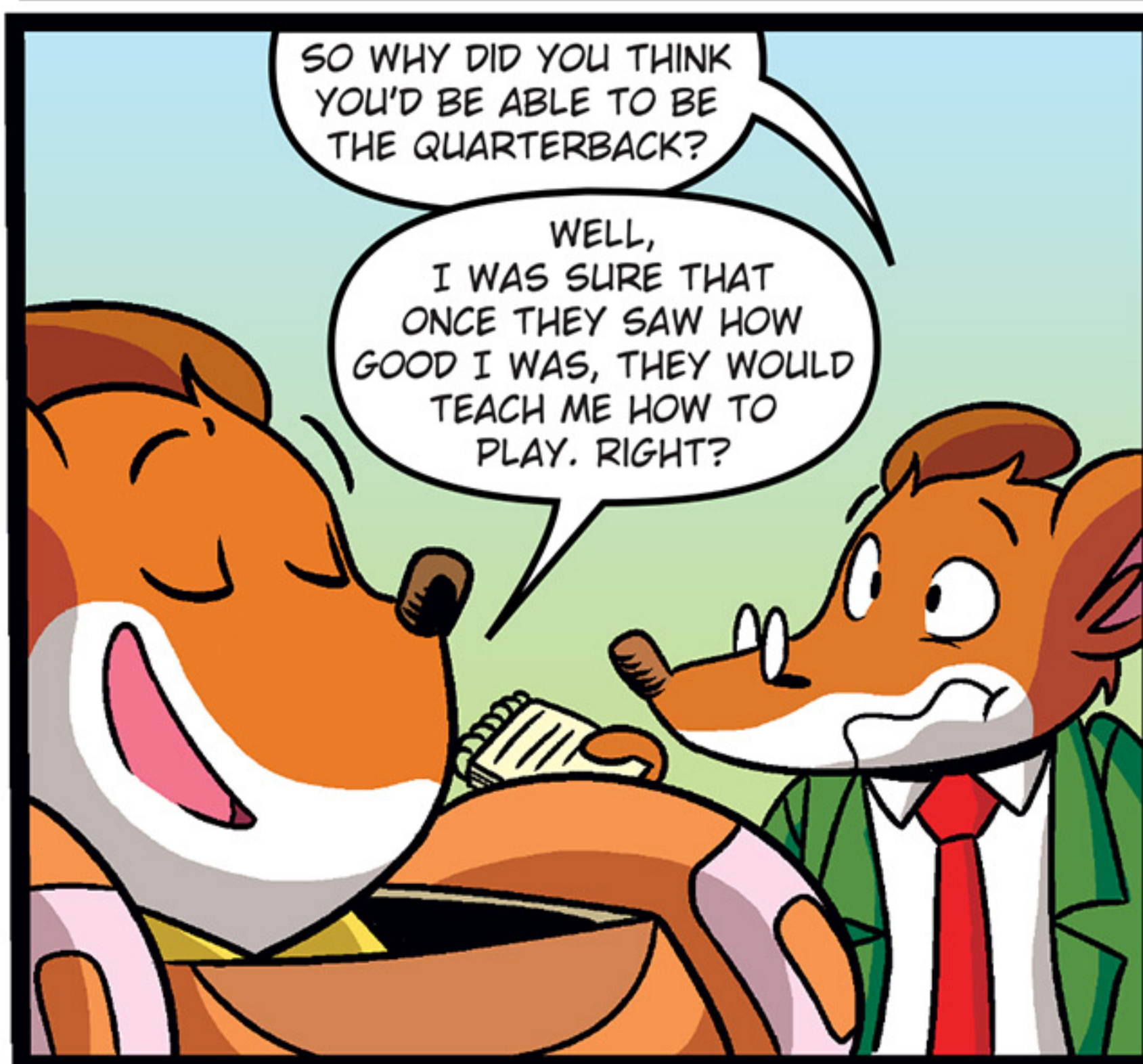
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I KNOW, AND I WANTED
TO FIND OUT IF...

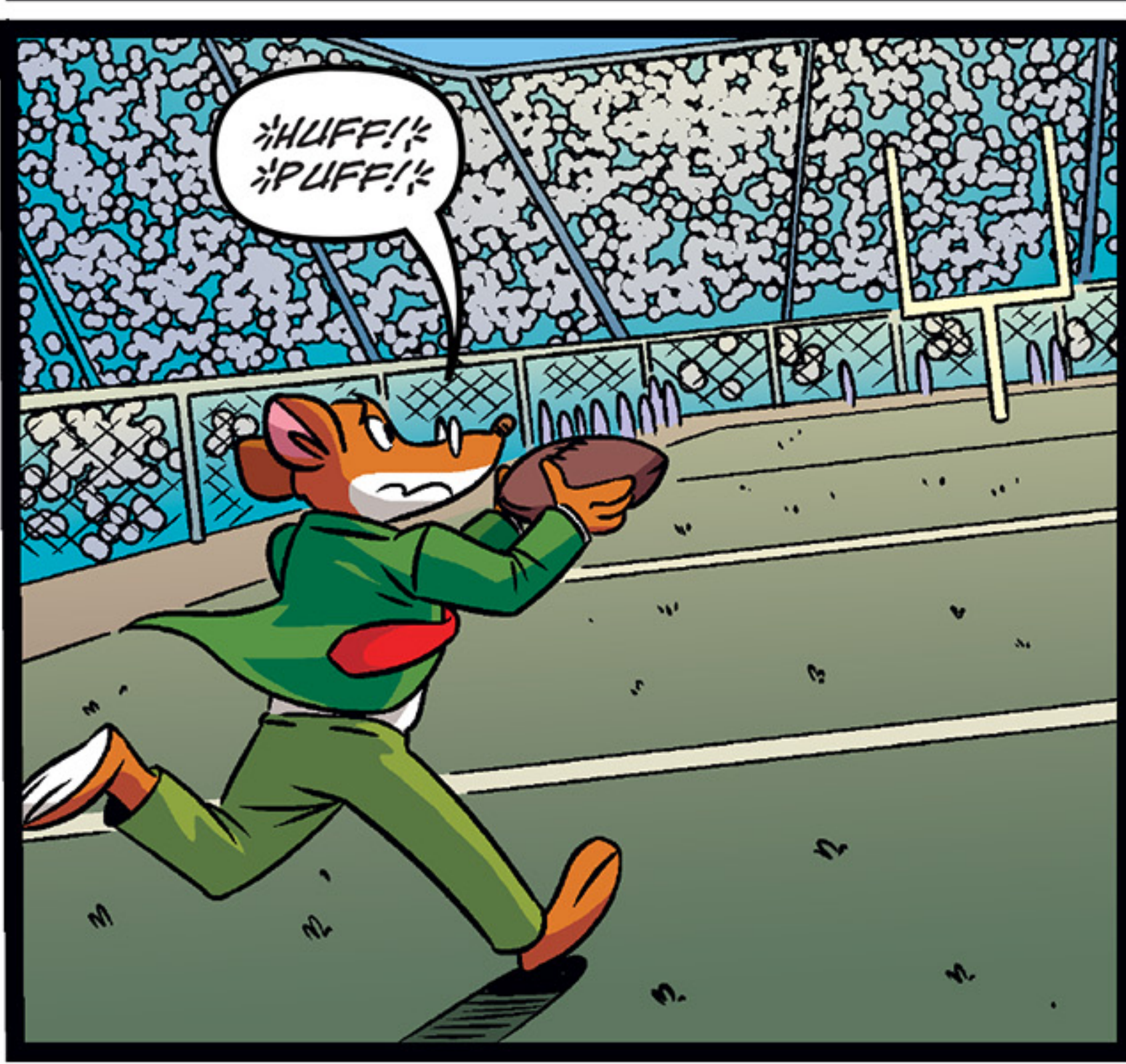
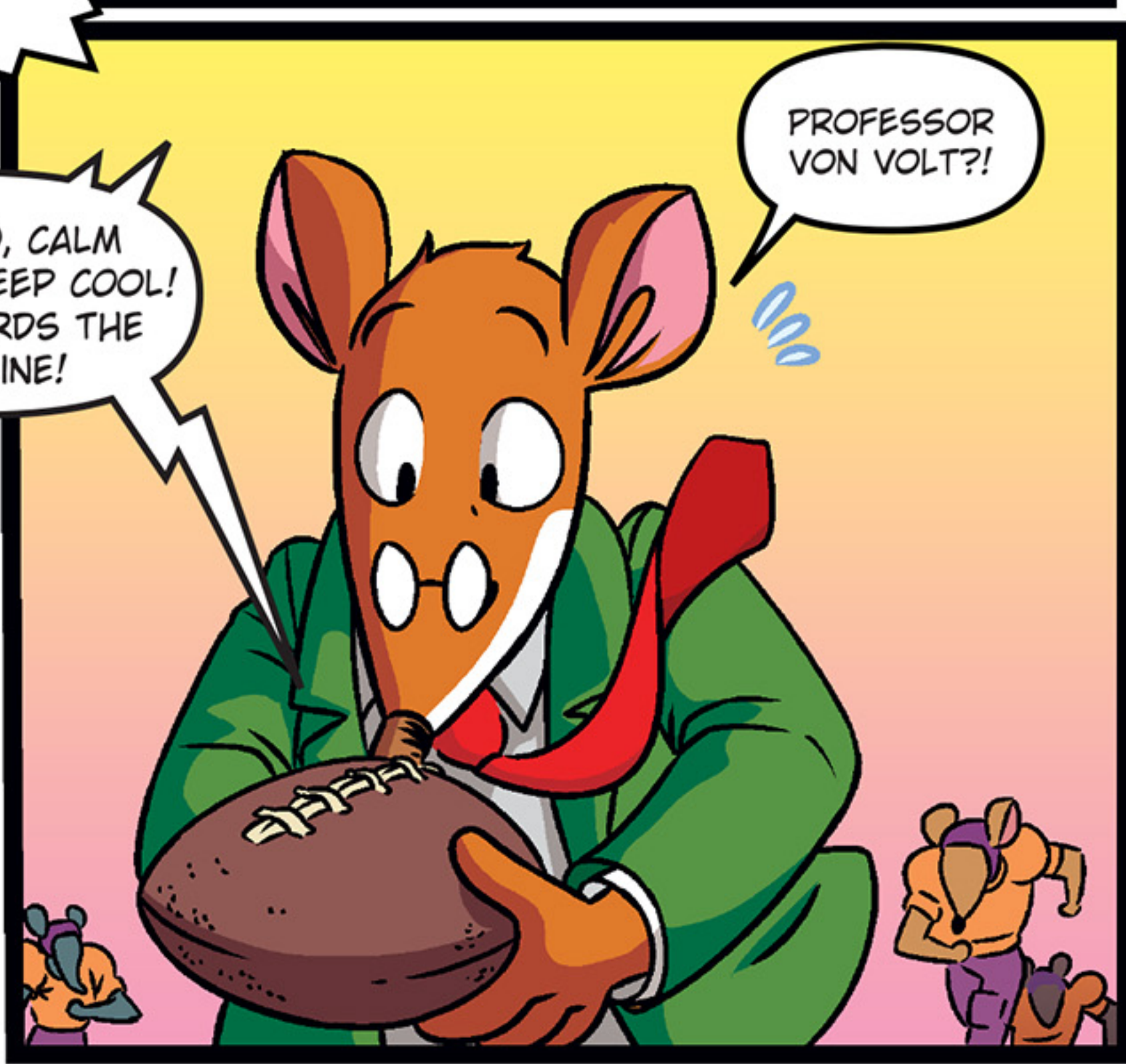
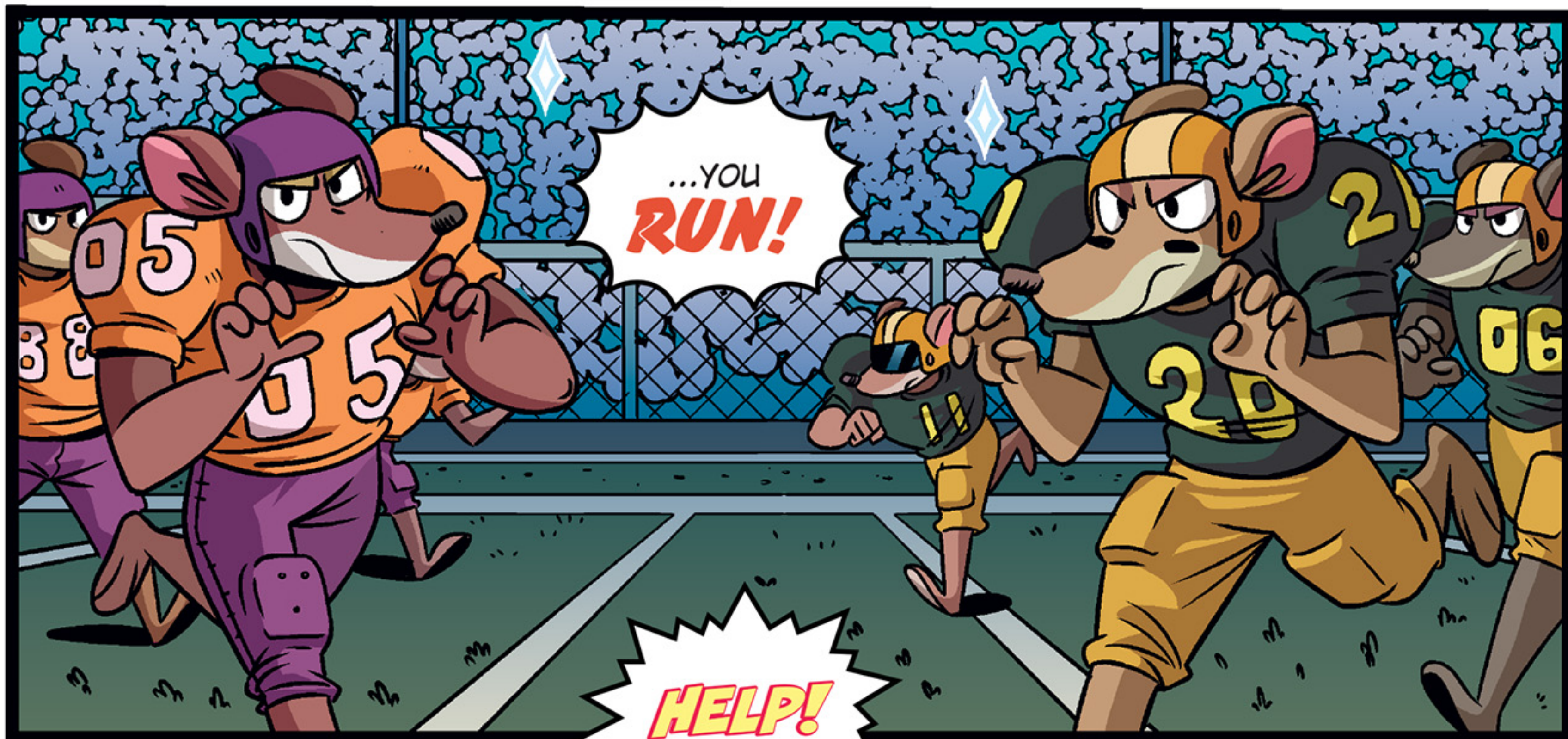
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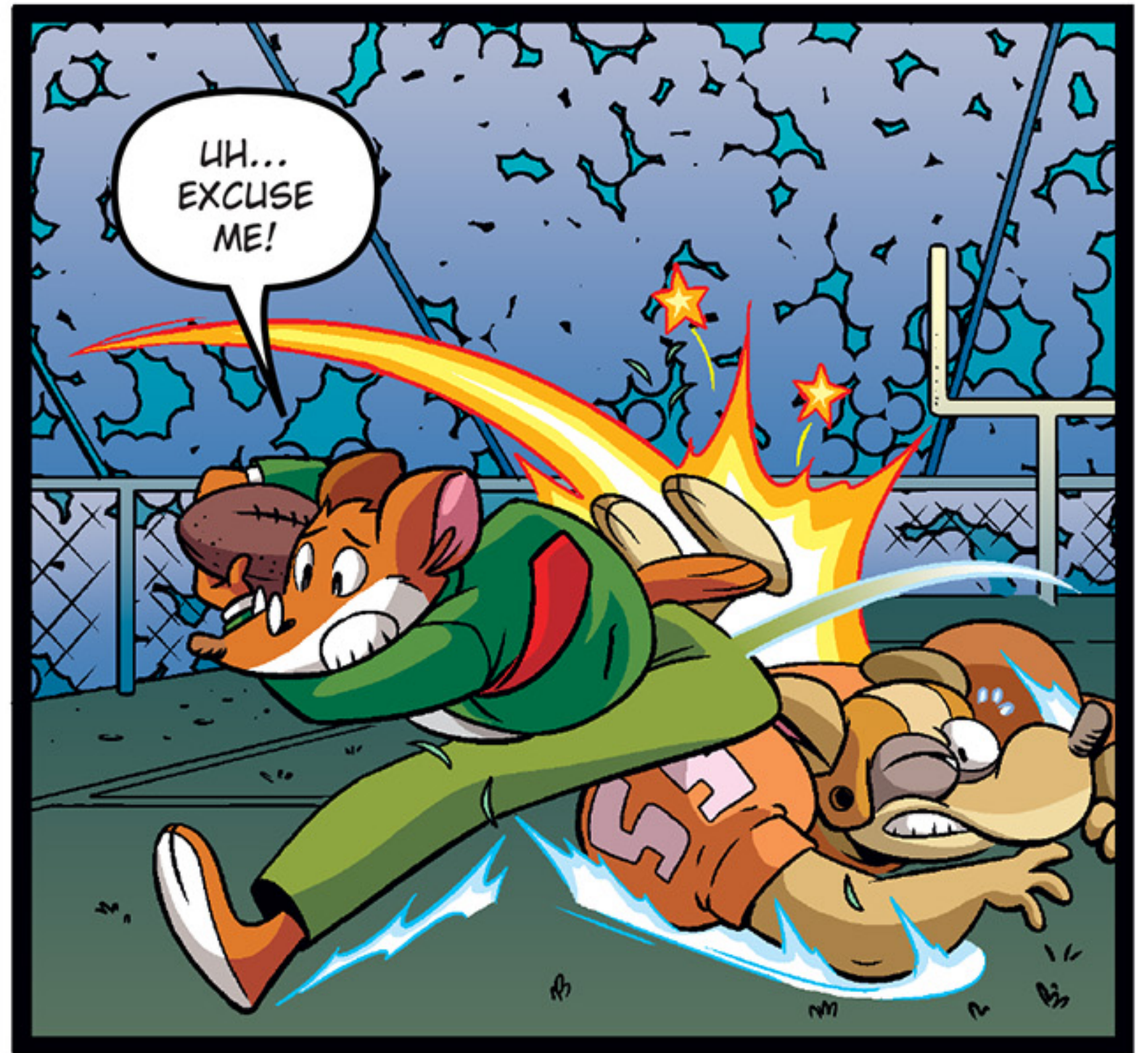
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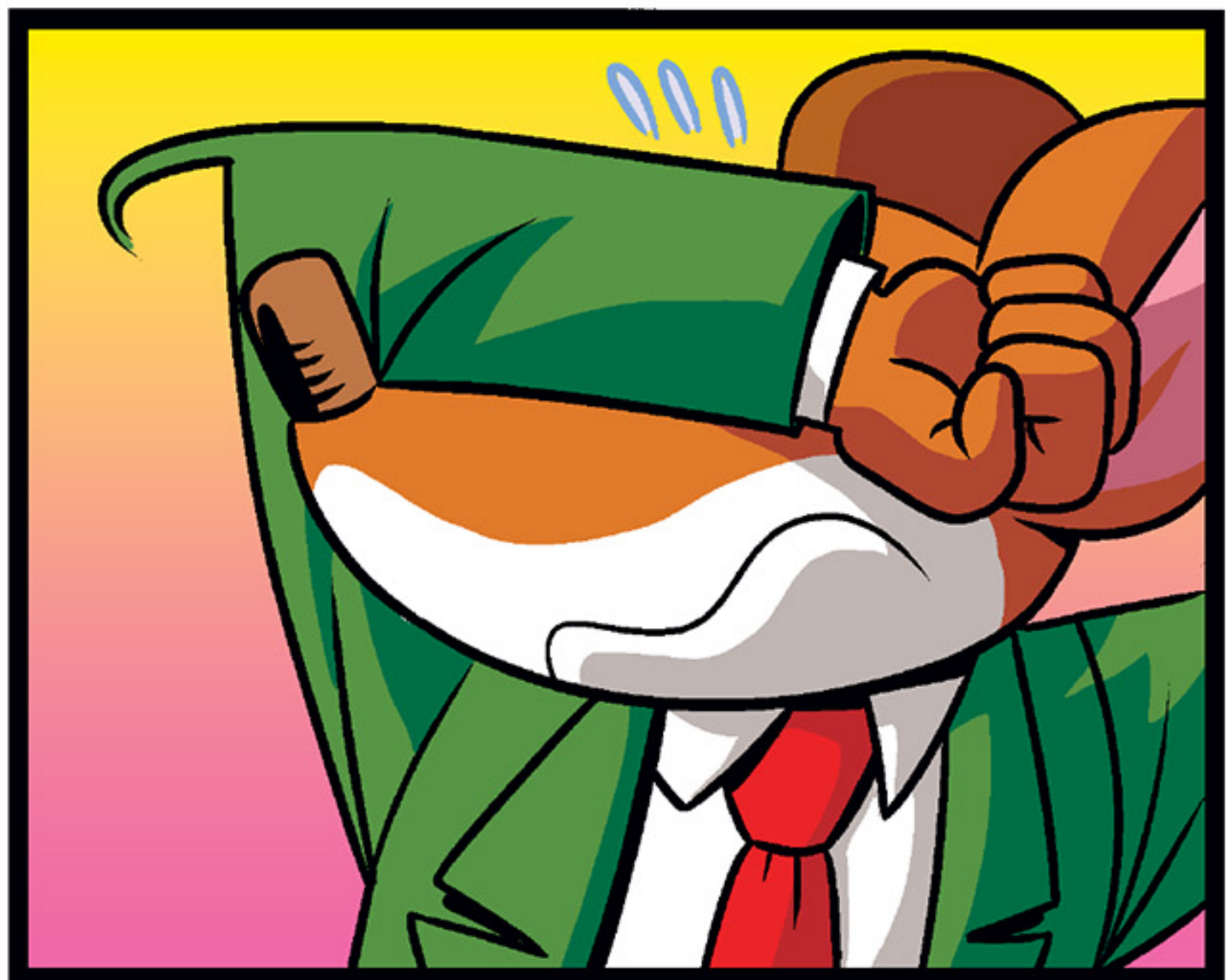


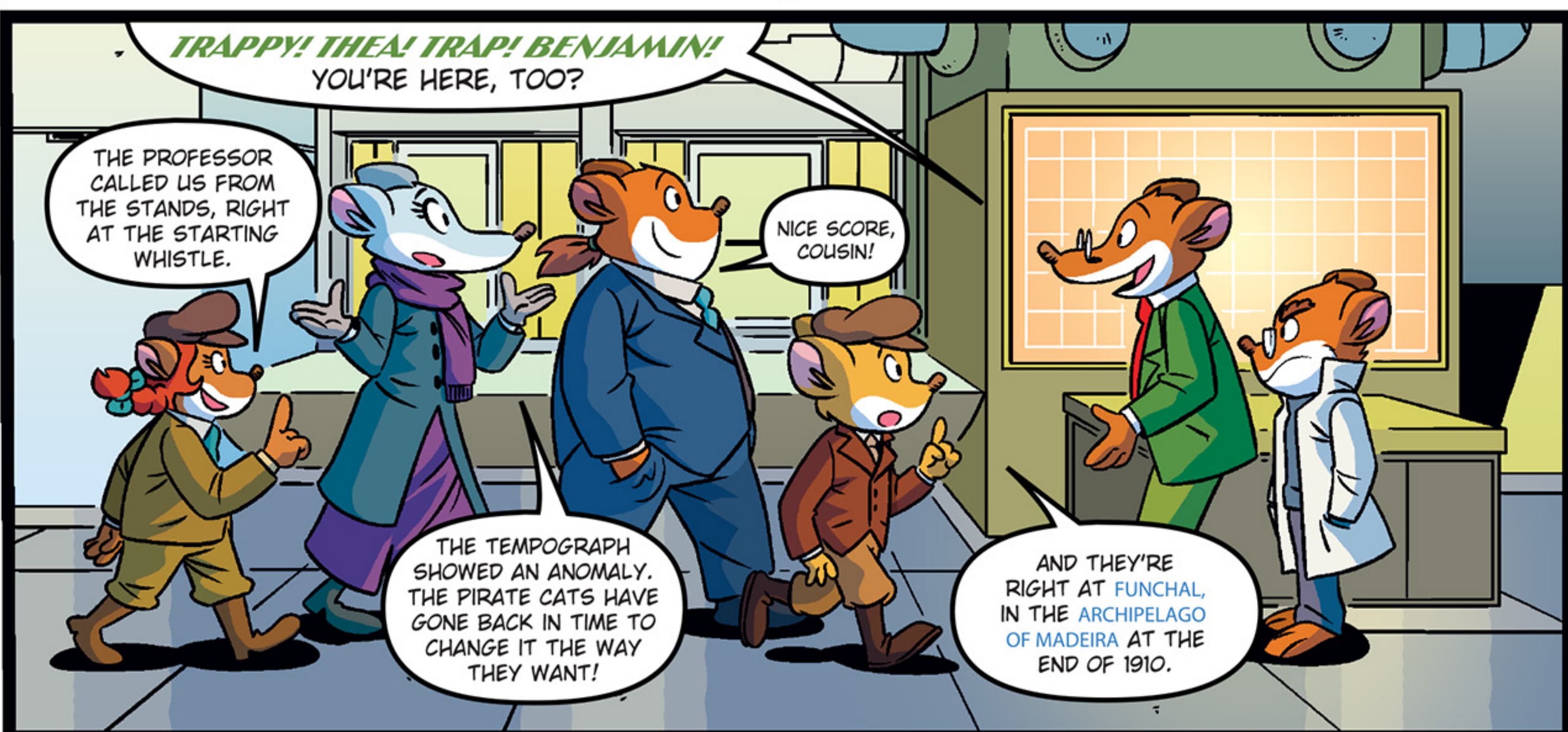
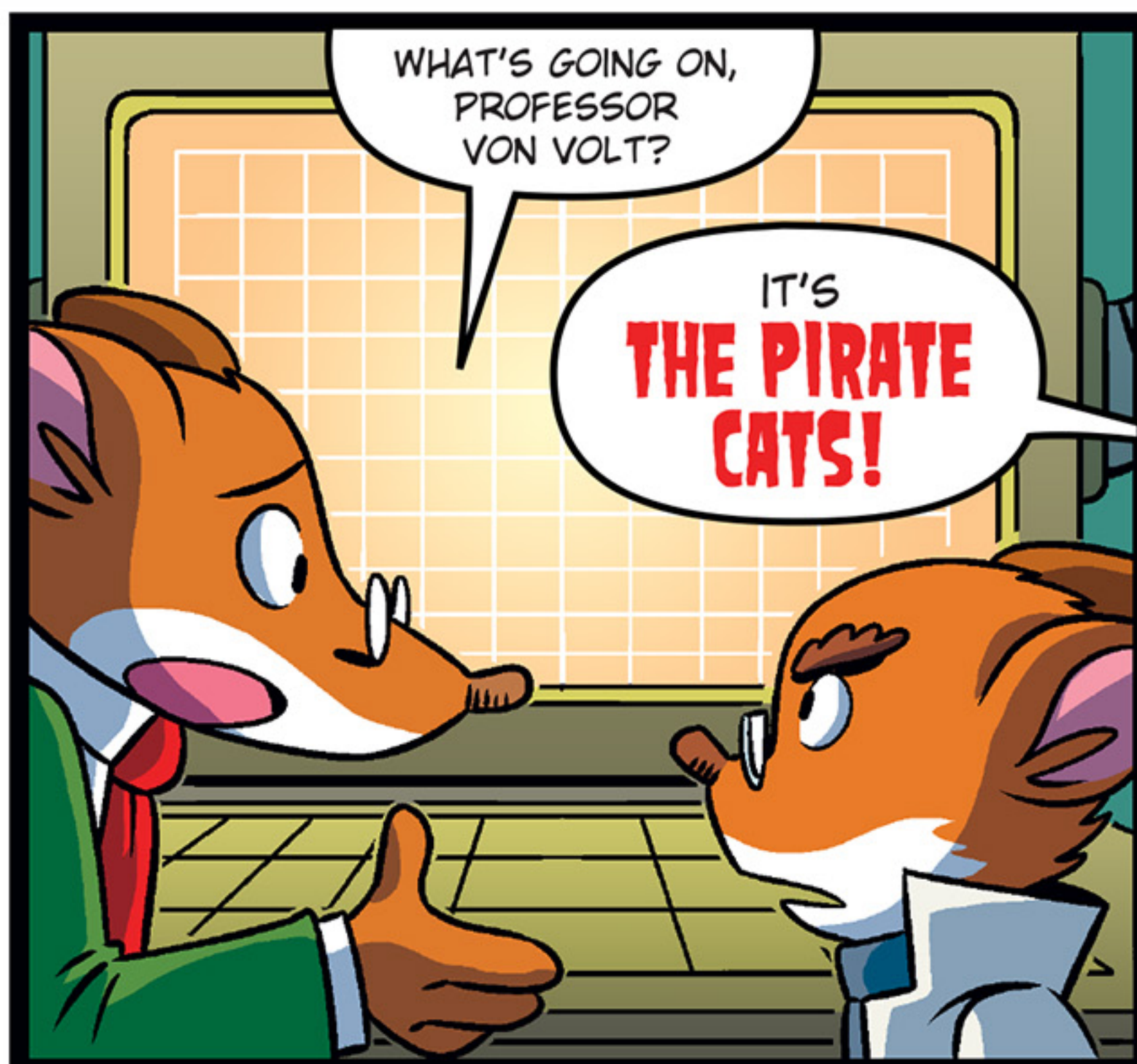
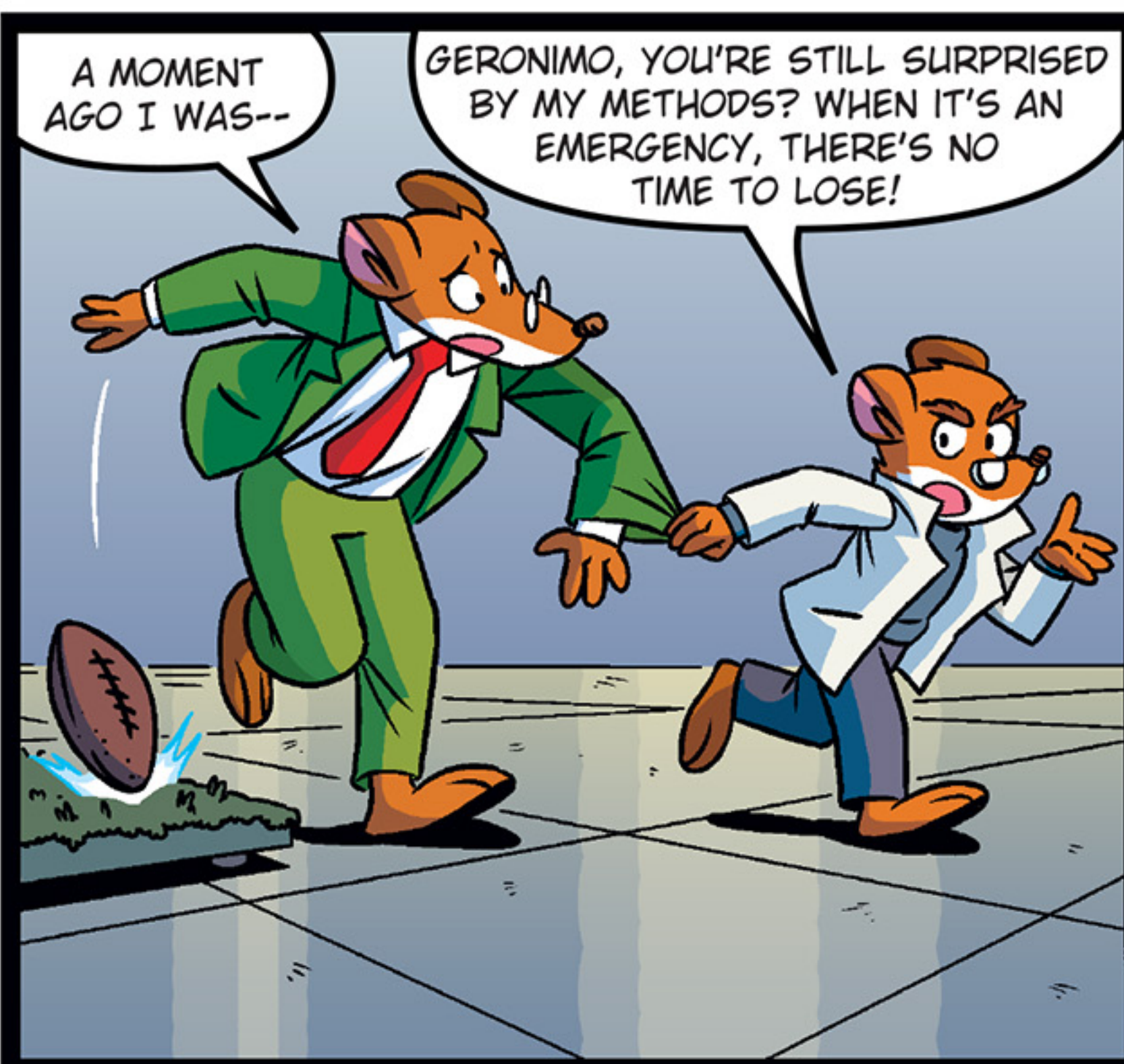
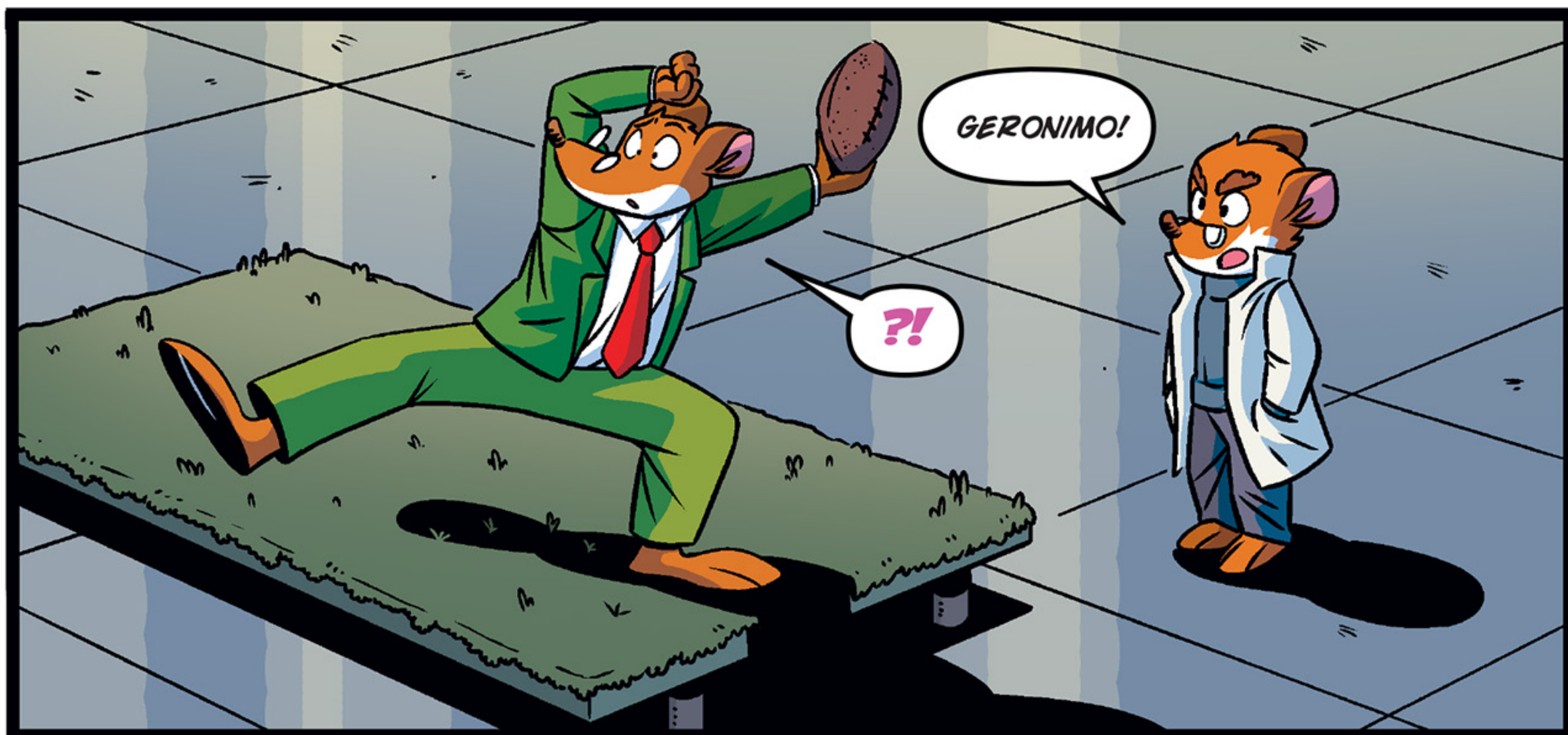


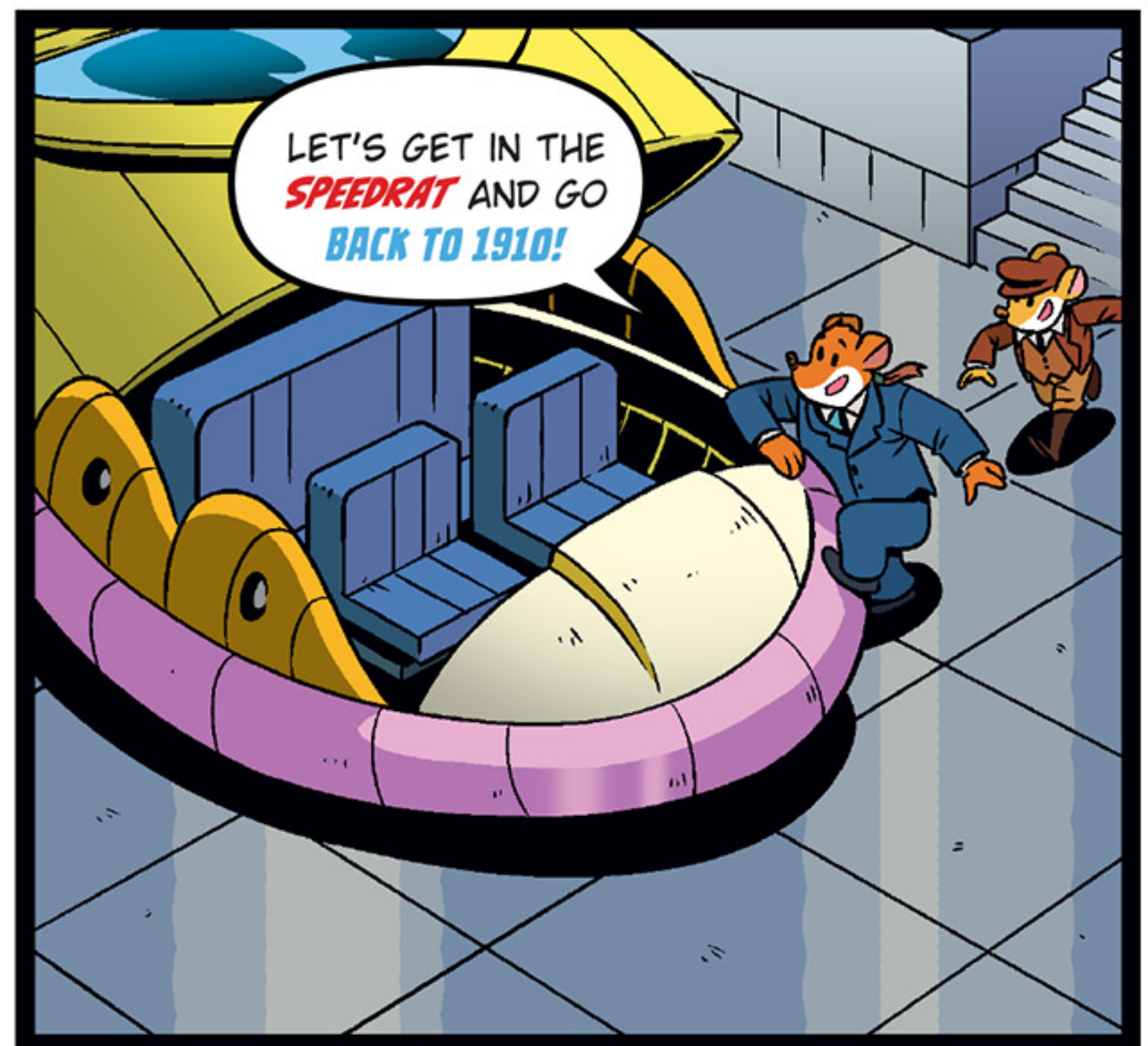
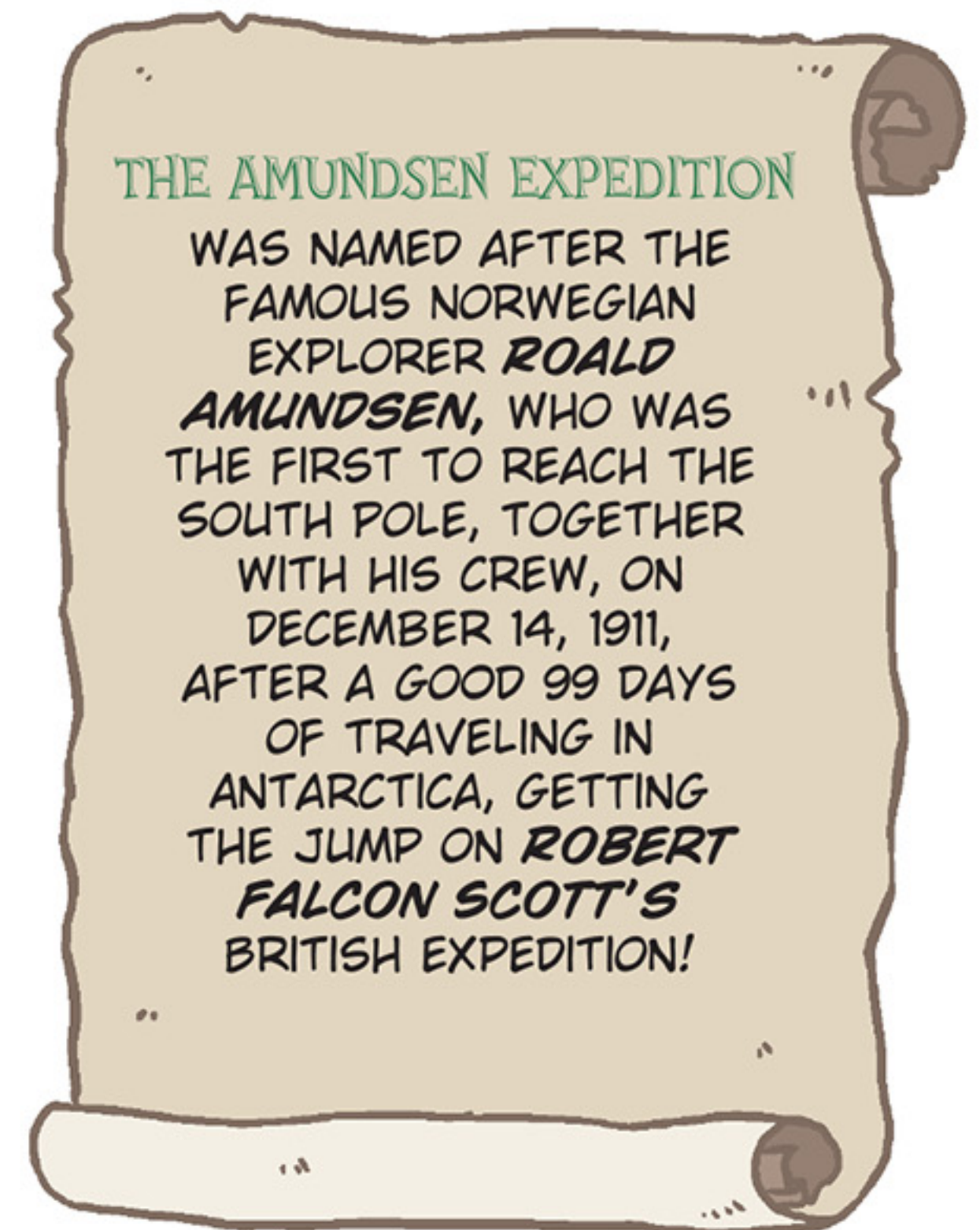












FUNCHAL, MADEIRA
ARCHIPELAGO, PORTUGAL,
SEPTEMBER 8, 1910.

ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS
GET TO ROALD AMUNDSEN
BEFORE HE SET SAIL ON
HIS SHIP AND TRY TO
JOIN HIS MISSION...

AMUNDSEN REACHED THE ANTARCTIC
CONTINENT ON HIS OWN SHIP, **THE FRAM**
(THAT'S NORWEGIAN FOR: FORWARD),
WHICH CARRIED HIM AND HIS CREW,
AS WELL AS THE SLED DOGS AND
ALL THE SUPPLIES NECESSARY FOR
THE NEARLY TWO-YEAR JOURNEY.

LET'S
HOPE THERE'S
STILL TIME.

MAY
I HELP
YOU?

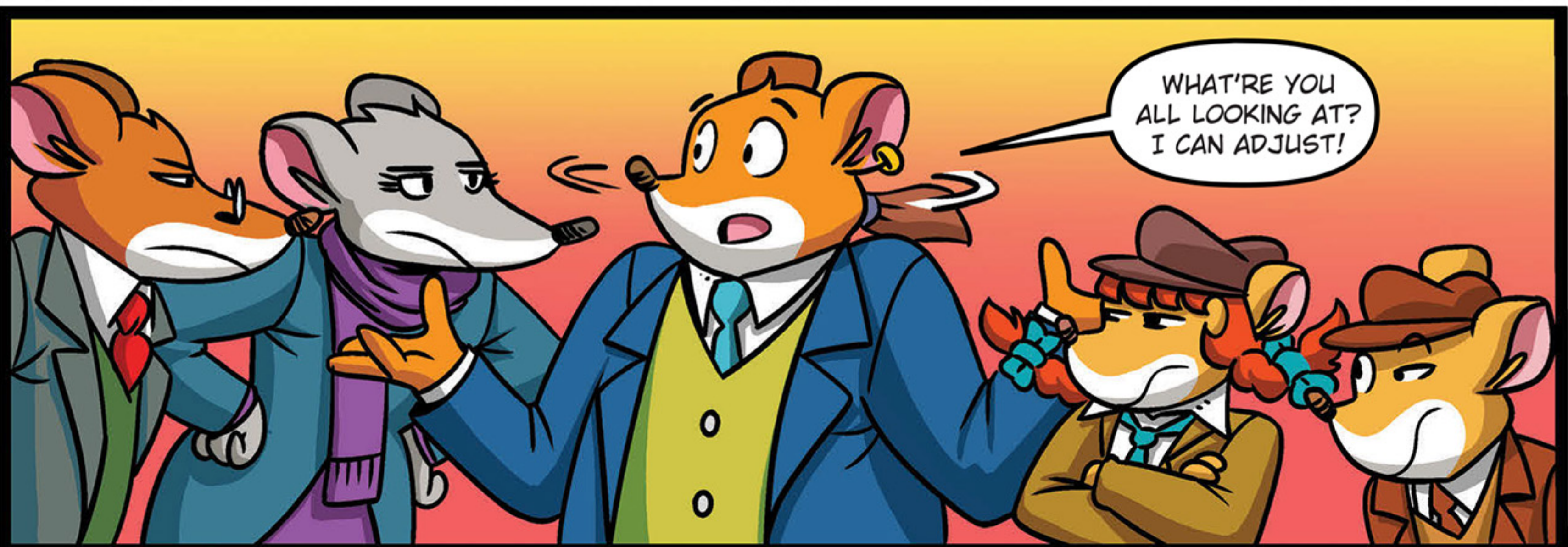
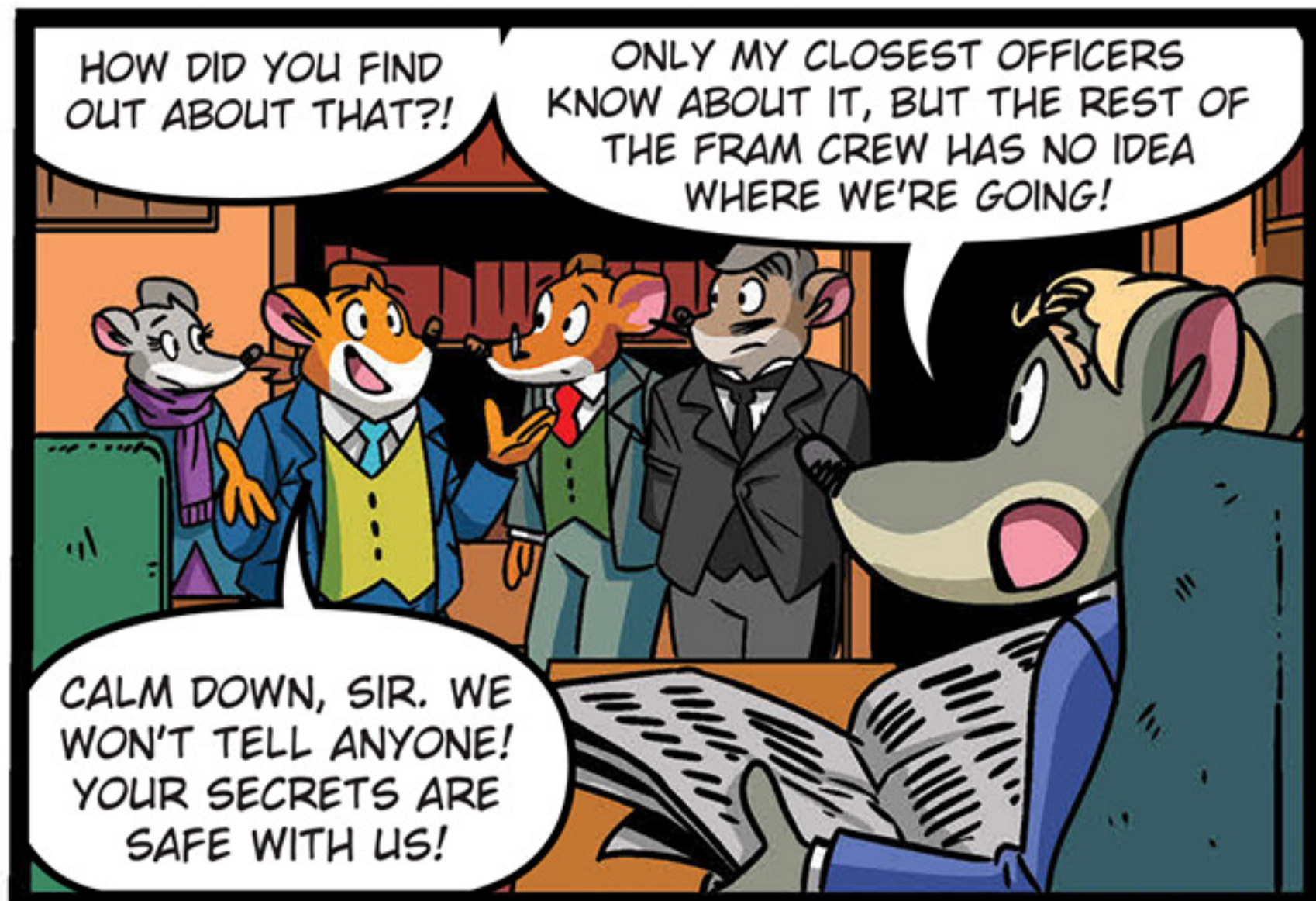
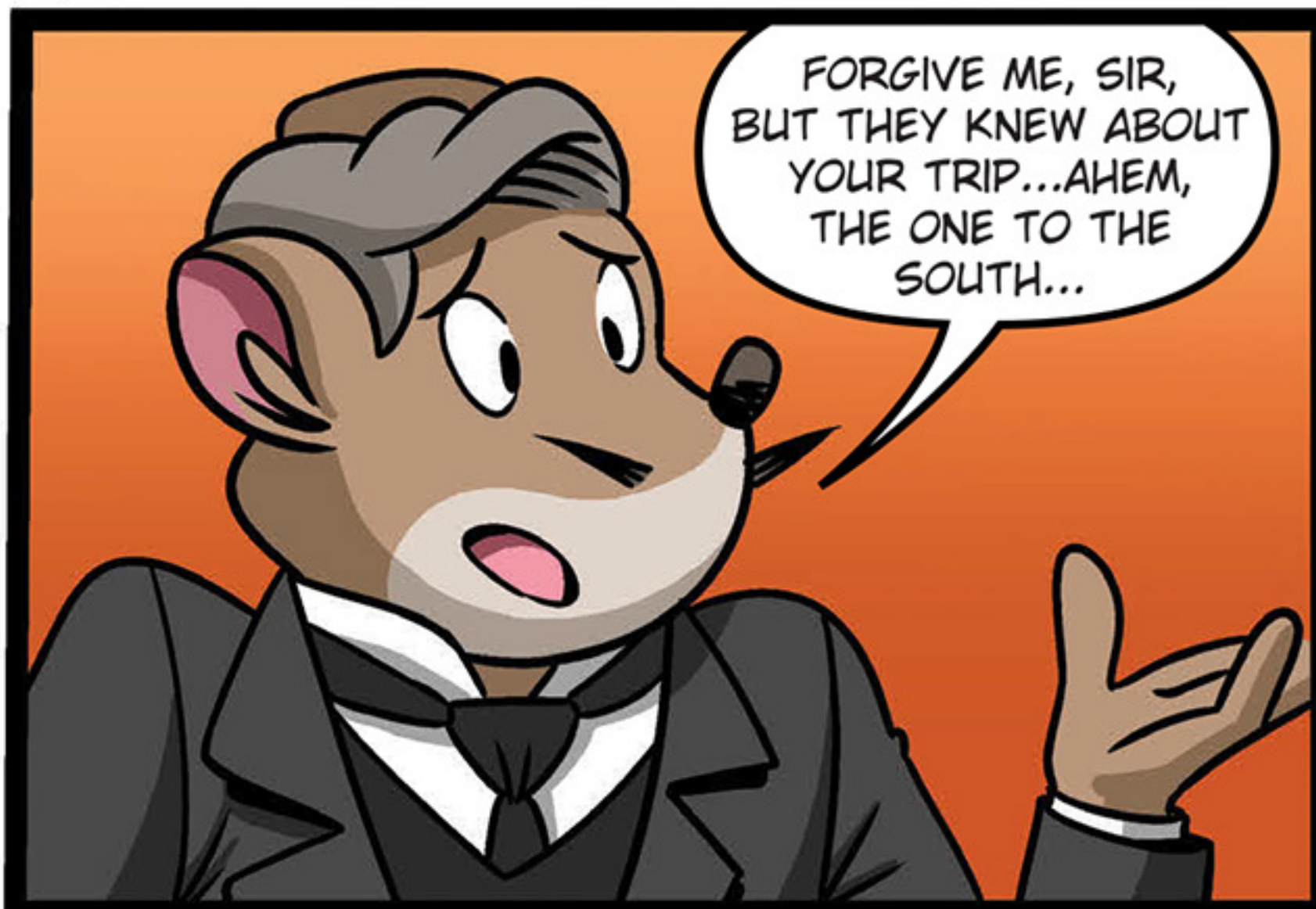
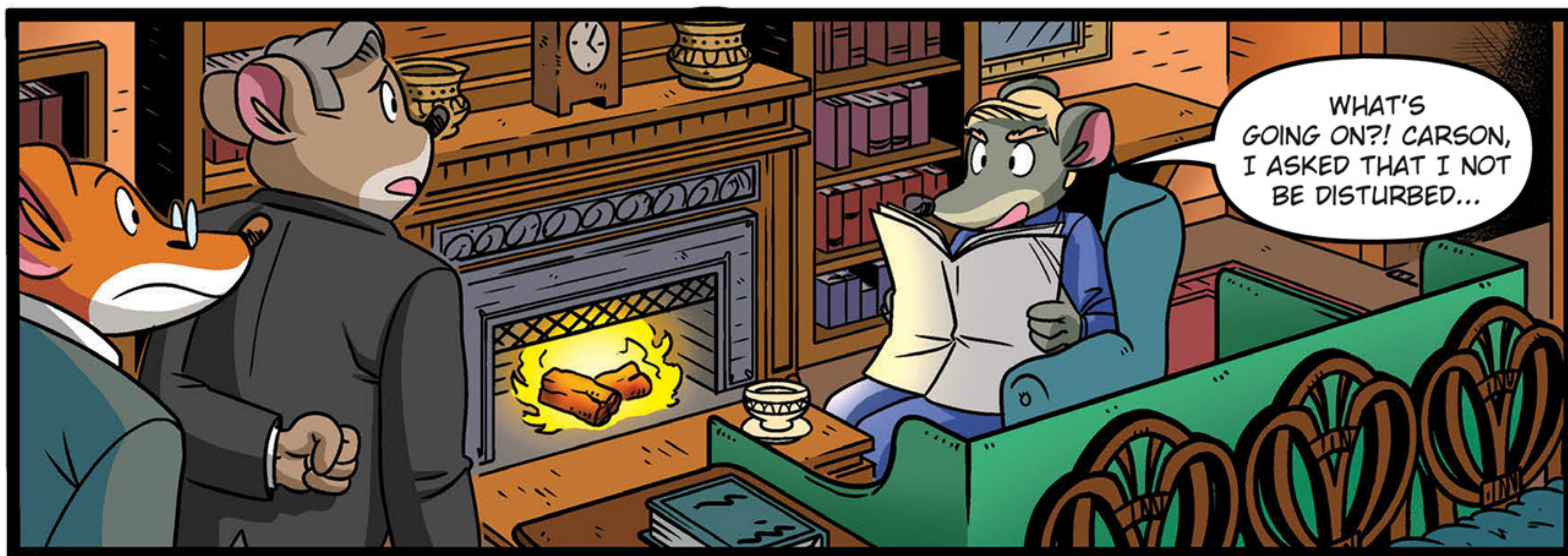
WE'D LIKE
TO SPEAK WITH THE
EXPLORER AMUNDSEN.
THEY SAID HE'S
STAYING HERE.

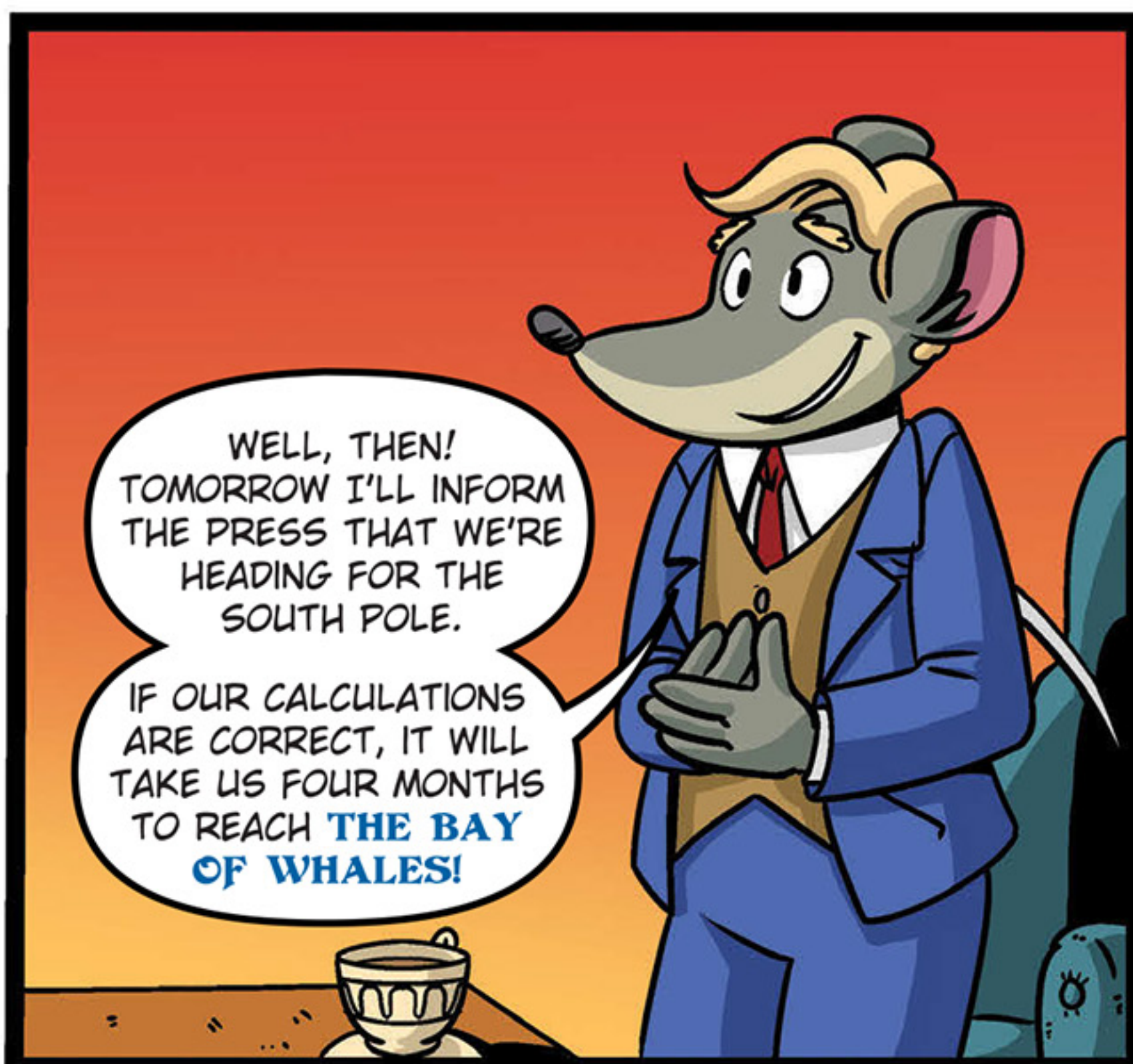
I'M SORRY,
BUT MR. AMUNDSEN
SAID HE DID NOT WISH
TO BE DISTURBED.

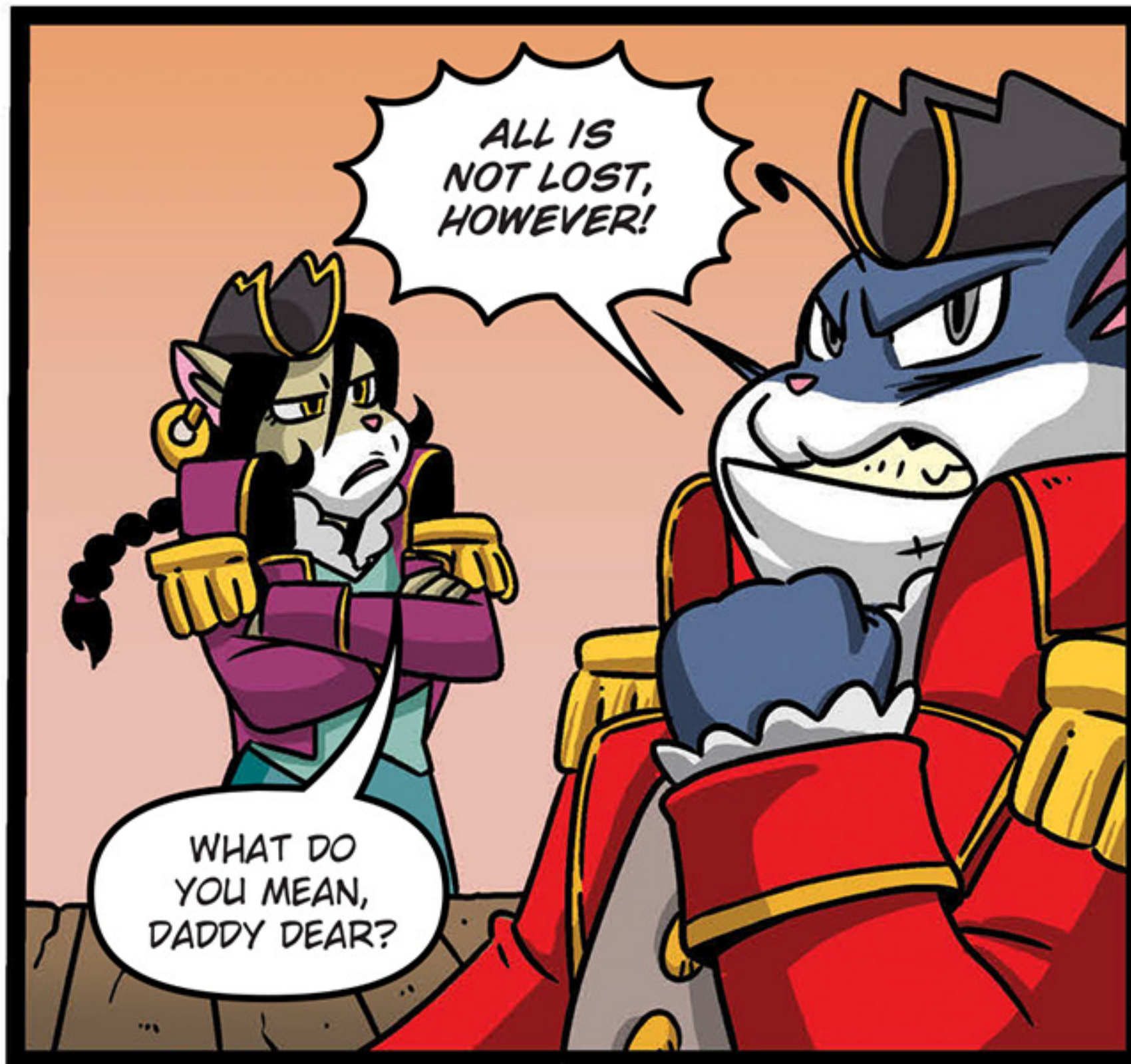
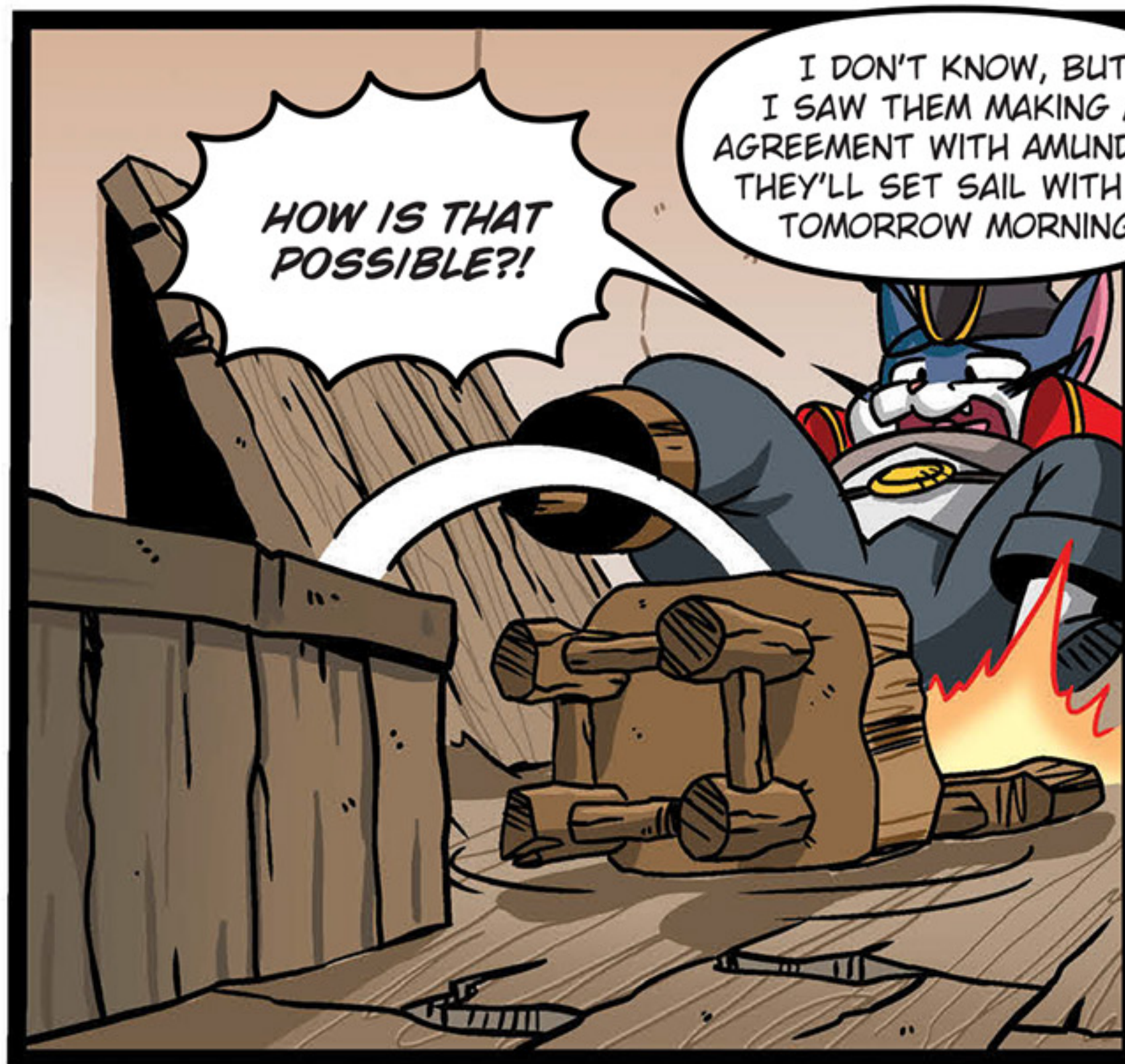
TELL HIM THAT
WE KNOW ABOUT HIS
UPCOMING TRIP...
TO THE **SOUTH**.

MMM...

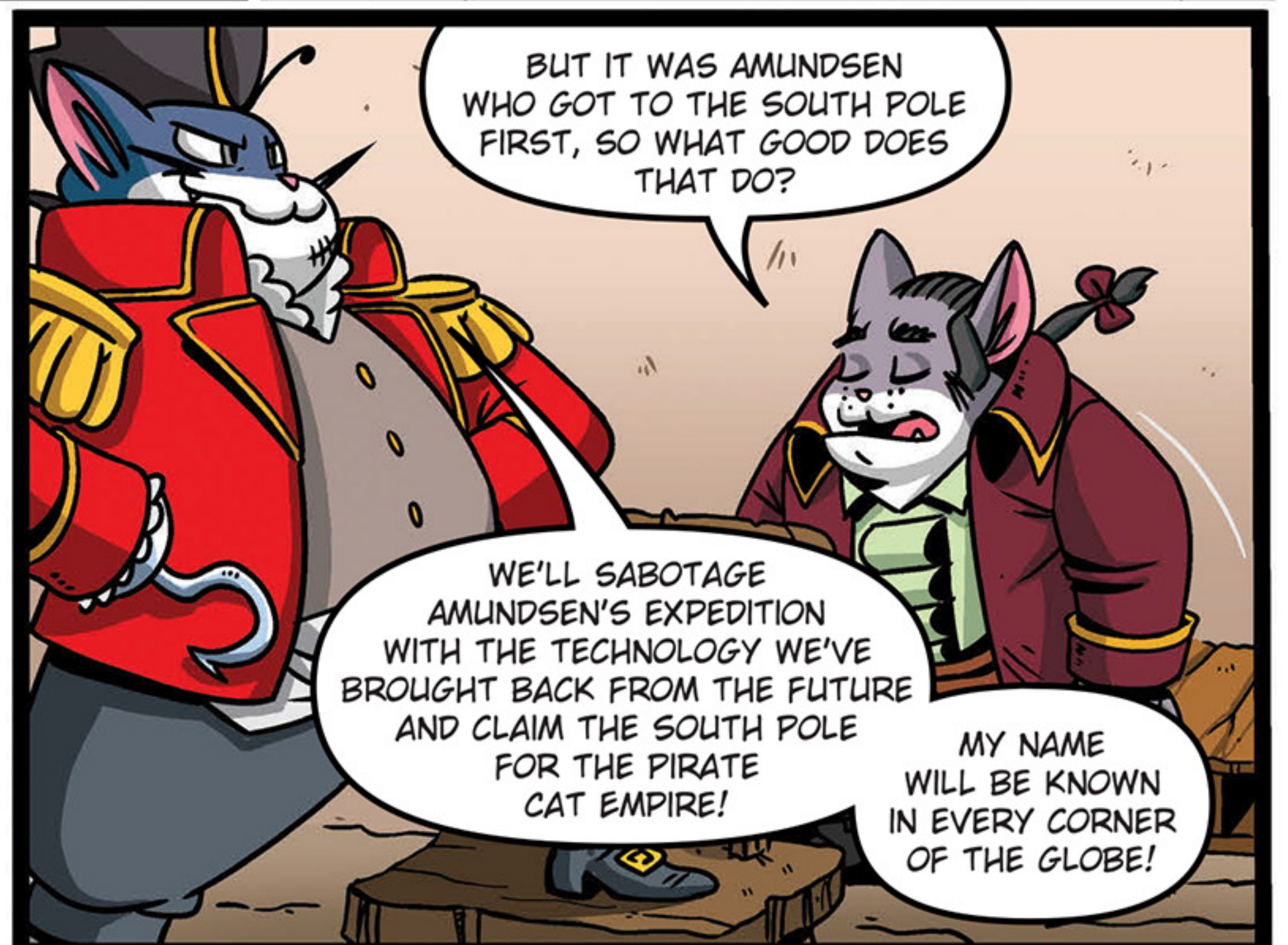
COME
IN....

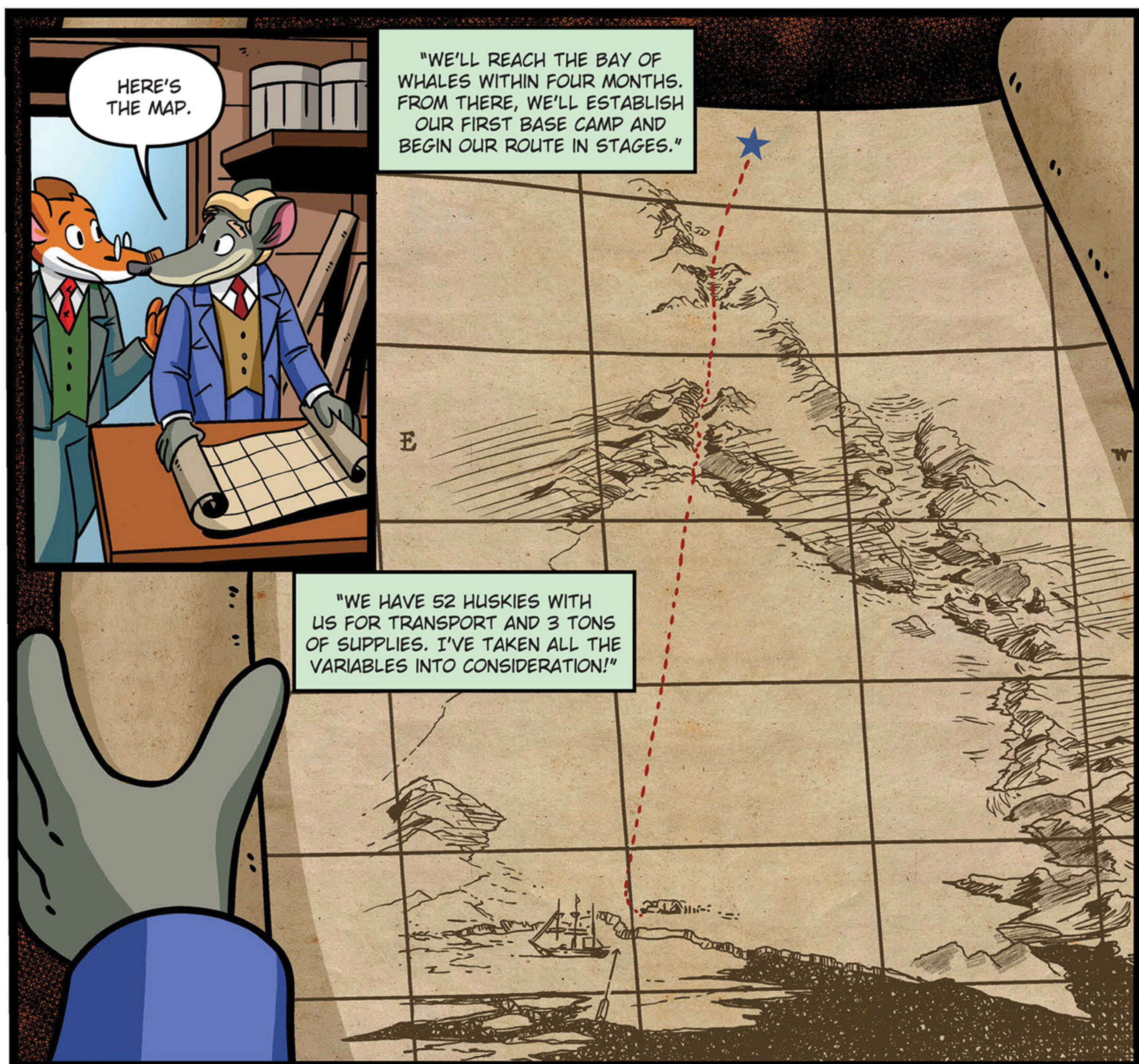


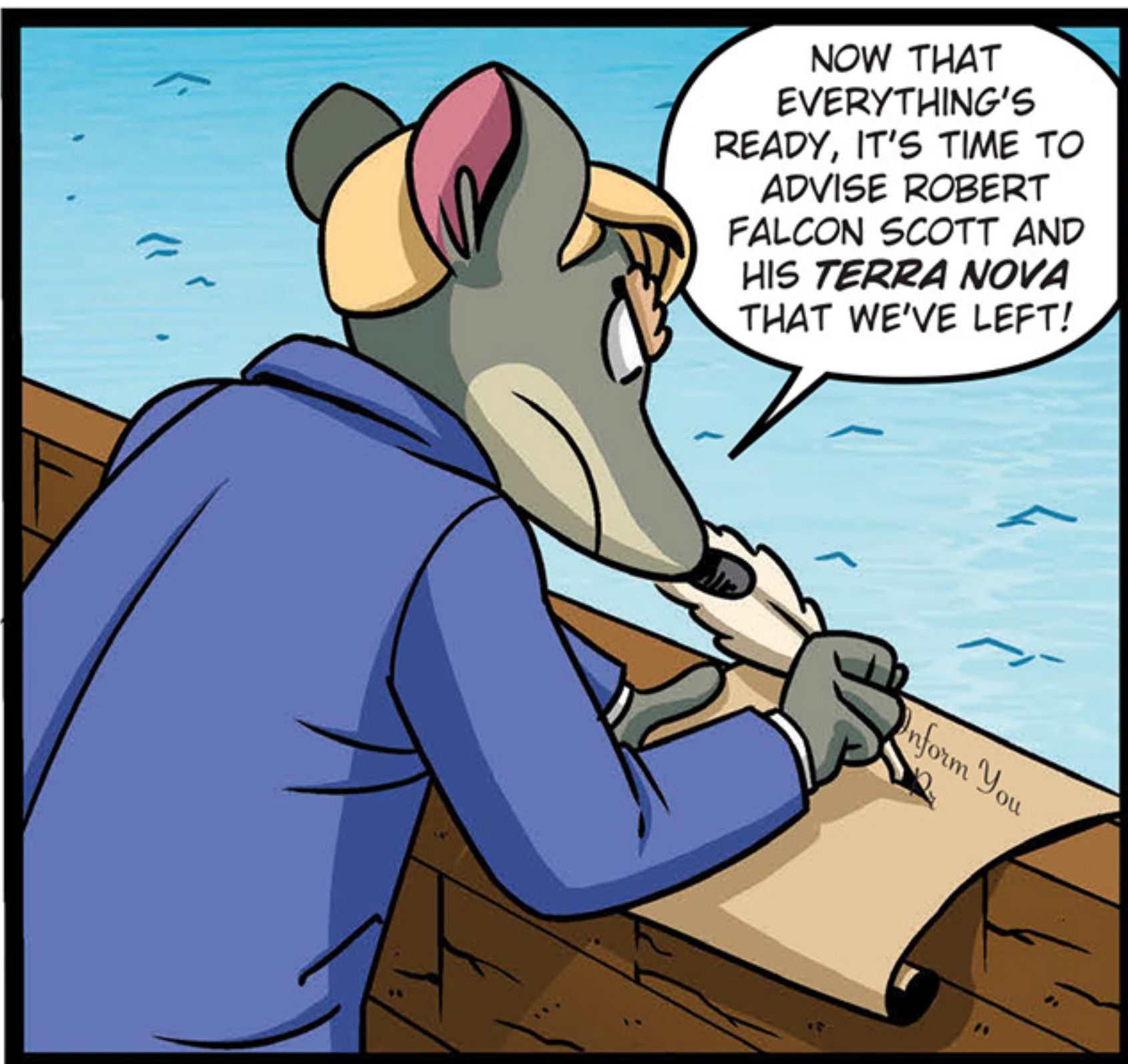
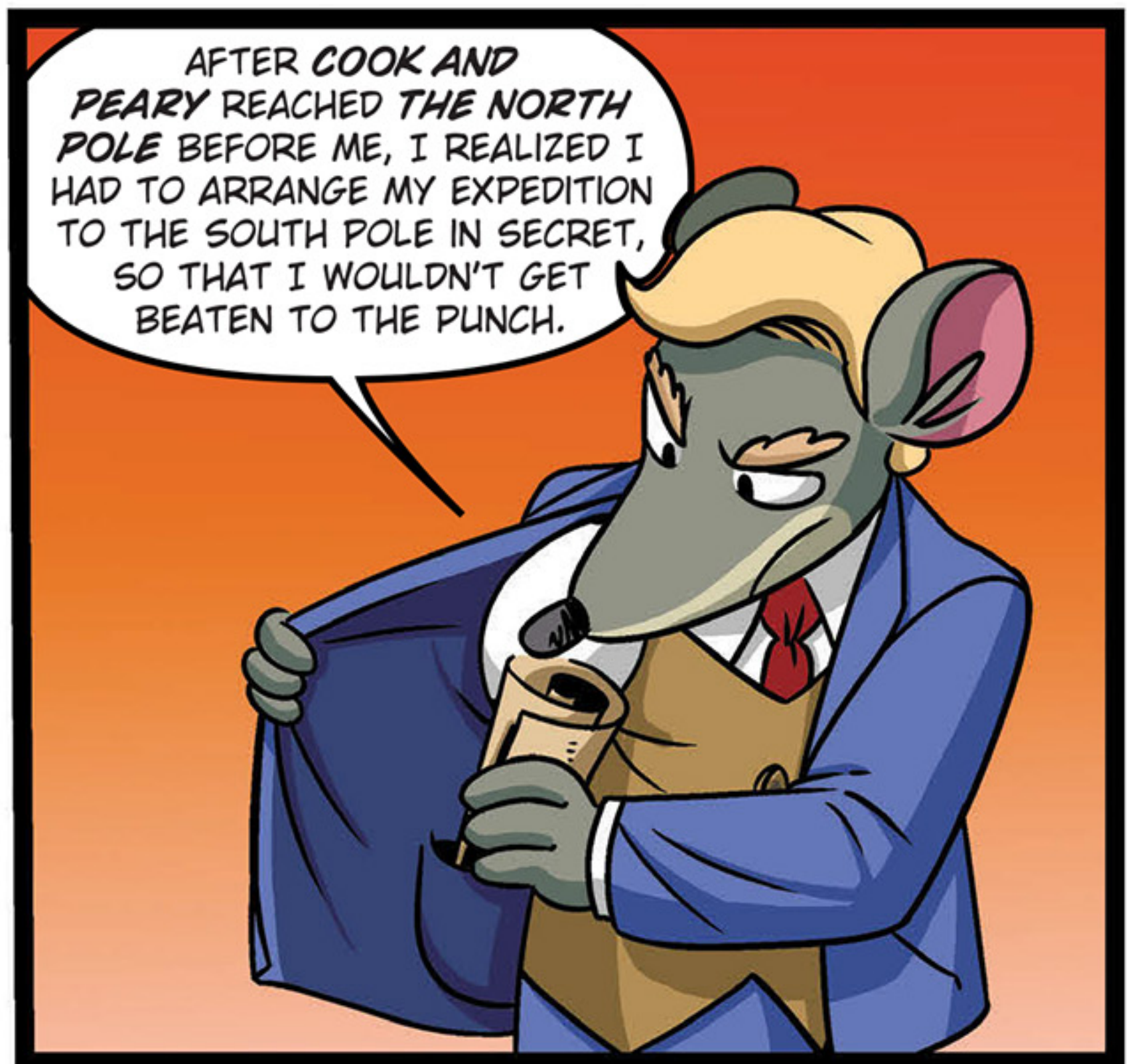




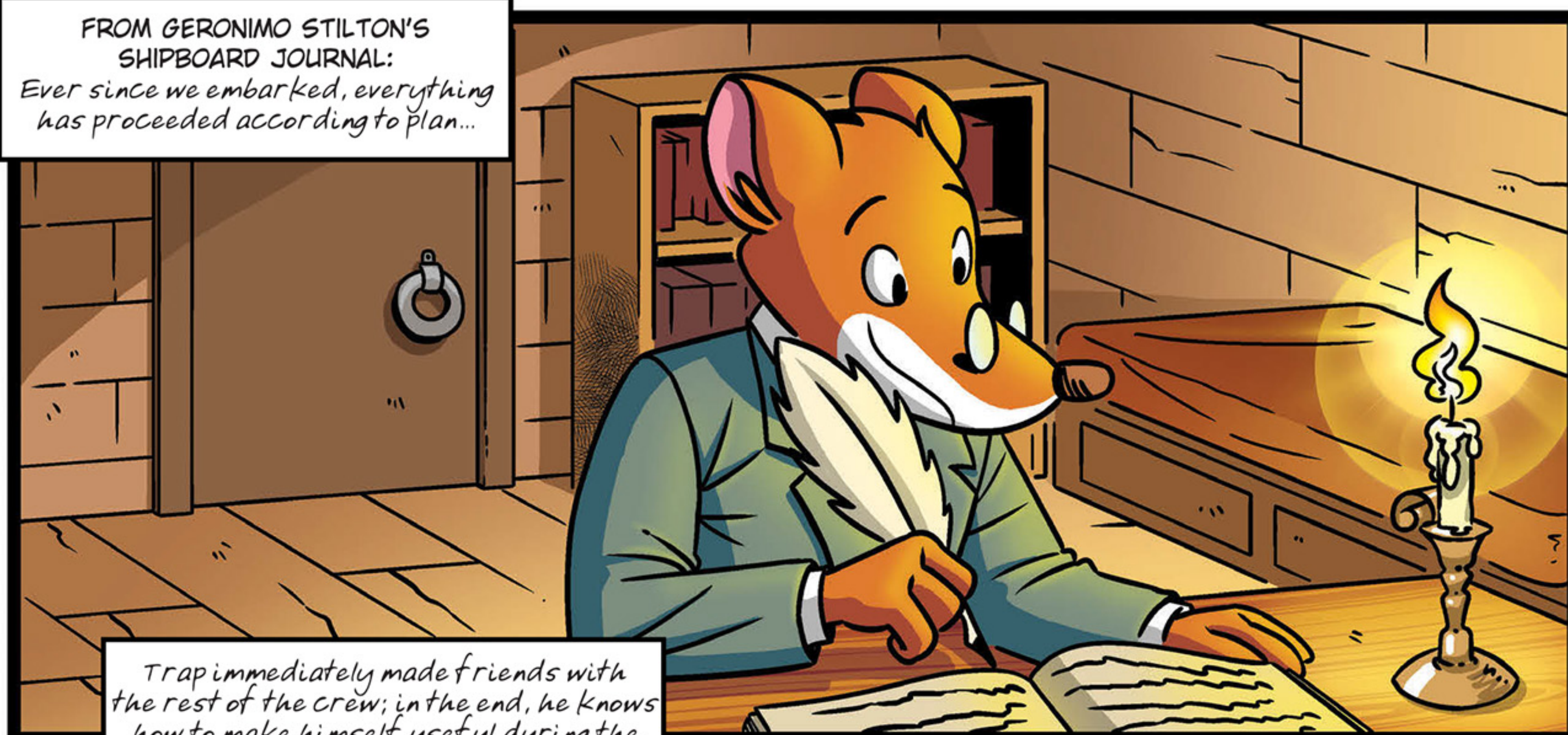
THE ILL-FATED EXPEDITION OF BRITISH EXPLORER **ROBERT FALCON SCOTT** COMPETED WITH AMUNDSEN TO REACH THE SOUTH POLE FIRST. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY WERE BEATEN BY JUST A FEW WEEKS.



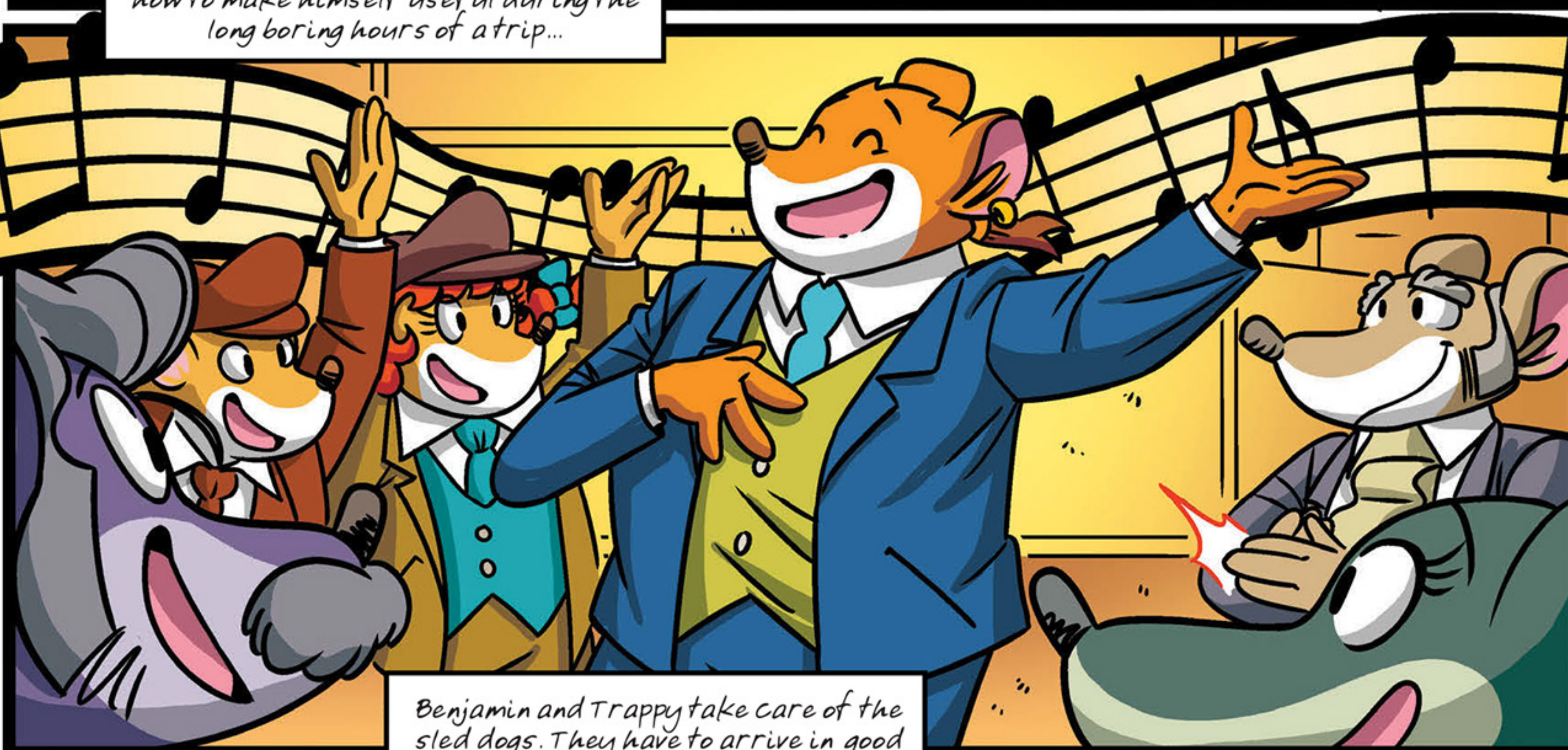




FROM GERONIMO STILTON'S
SHIPBOARD JOURNAL:
Ever since we embarked, everything
has proceeded according to plan...



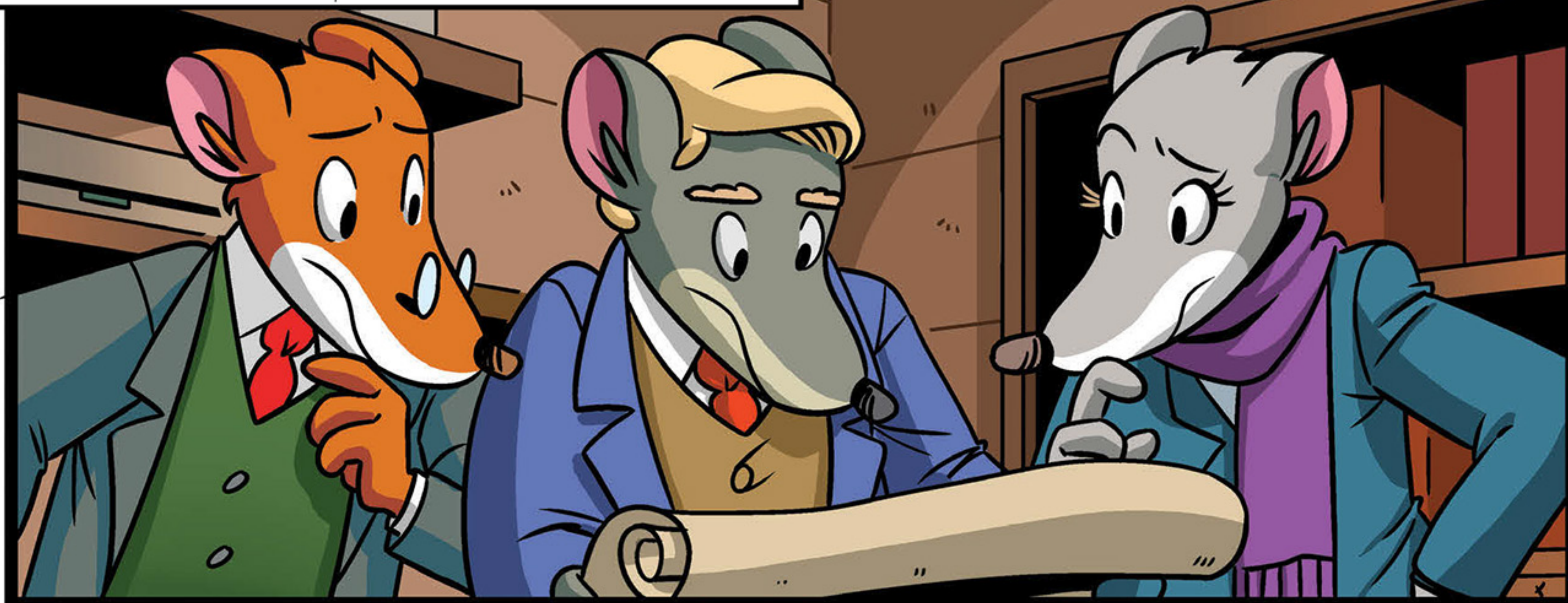
Trap immediately made friends with
the rest of the crew; in the end, he knows
how to make himself useful during the
long boring hours of a trip...



Benjamin and Trappy take care of the
sled dogs. They have to arrive in good
health at the end of the journey and
are an essential resource...

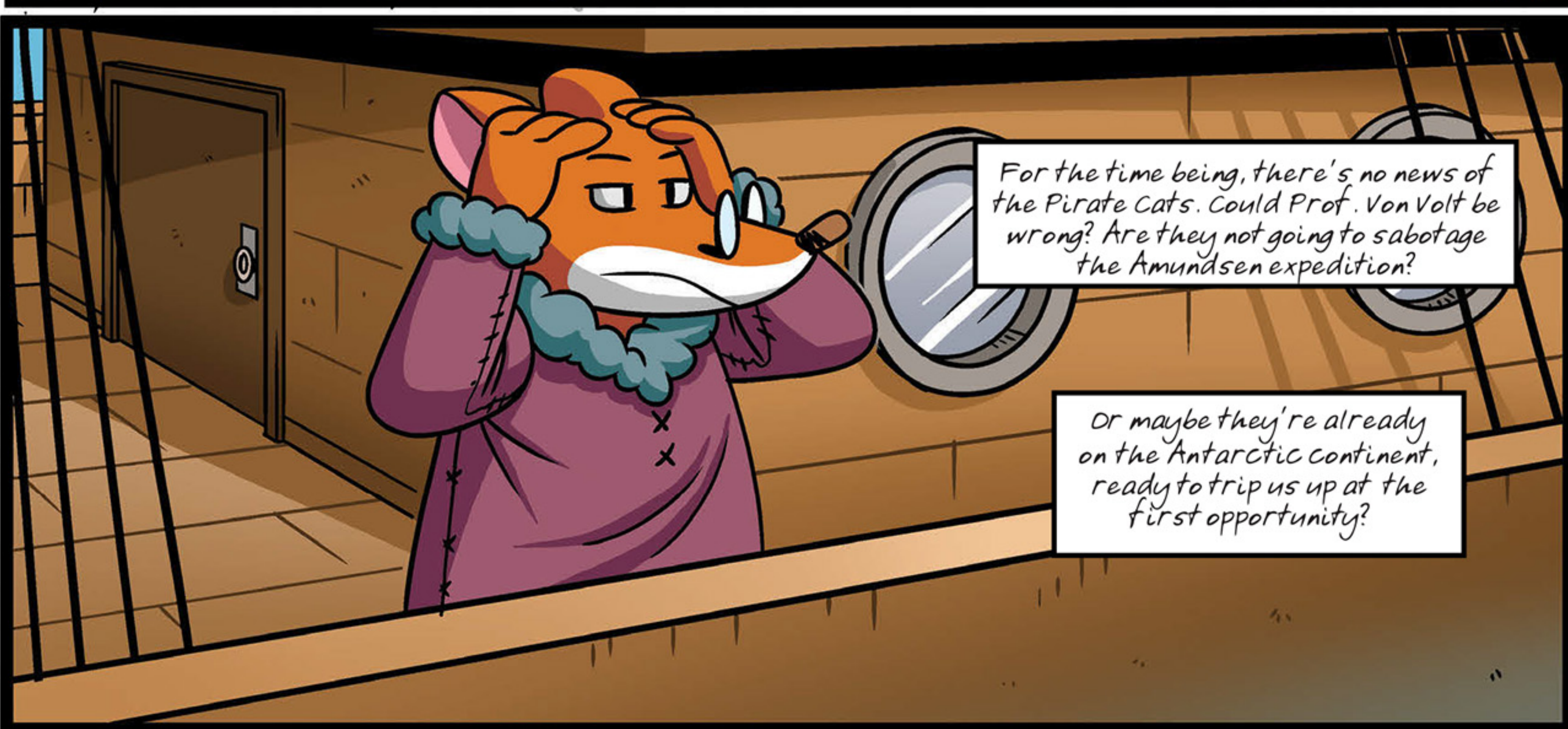


Thea and I are helping Amundsen manage the supplies. We haven't gotten any updates from Norway, the explorer's homeland, and we don't know how the news of our trip was received...

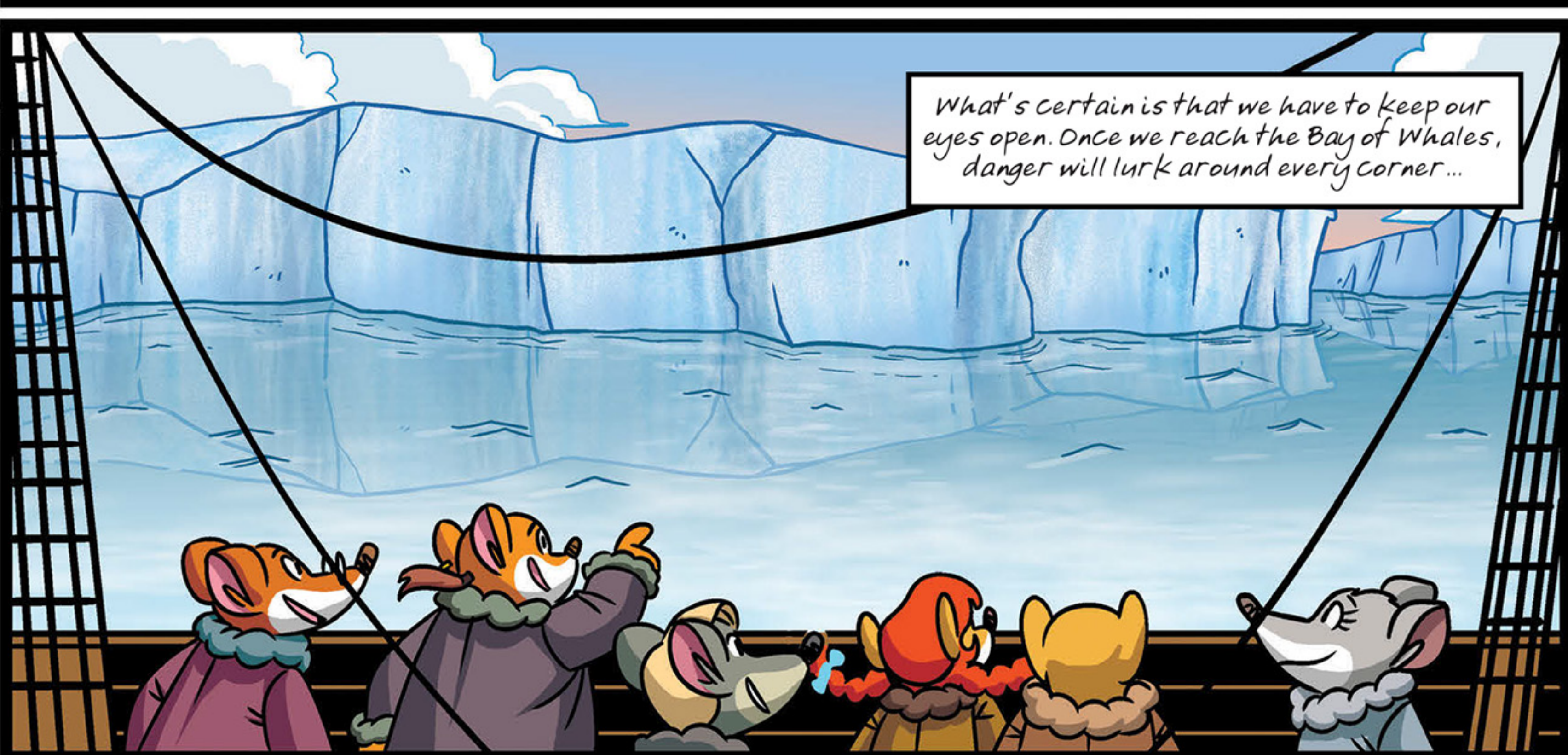


For the time being, there's no news of the Pirate Cats. Could Prof. Von Volt be wrong? Are they not going to sabotage the Amundsen expedition?

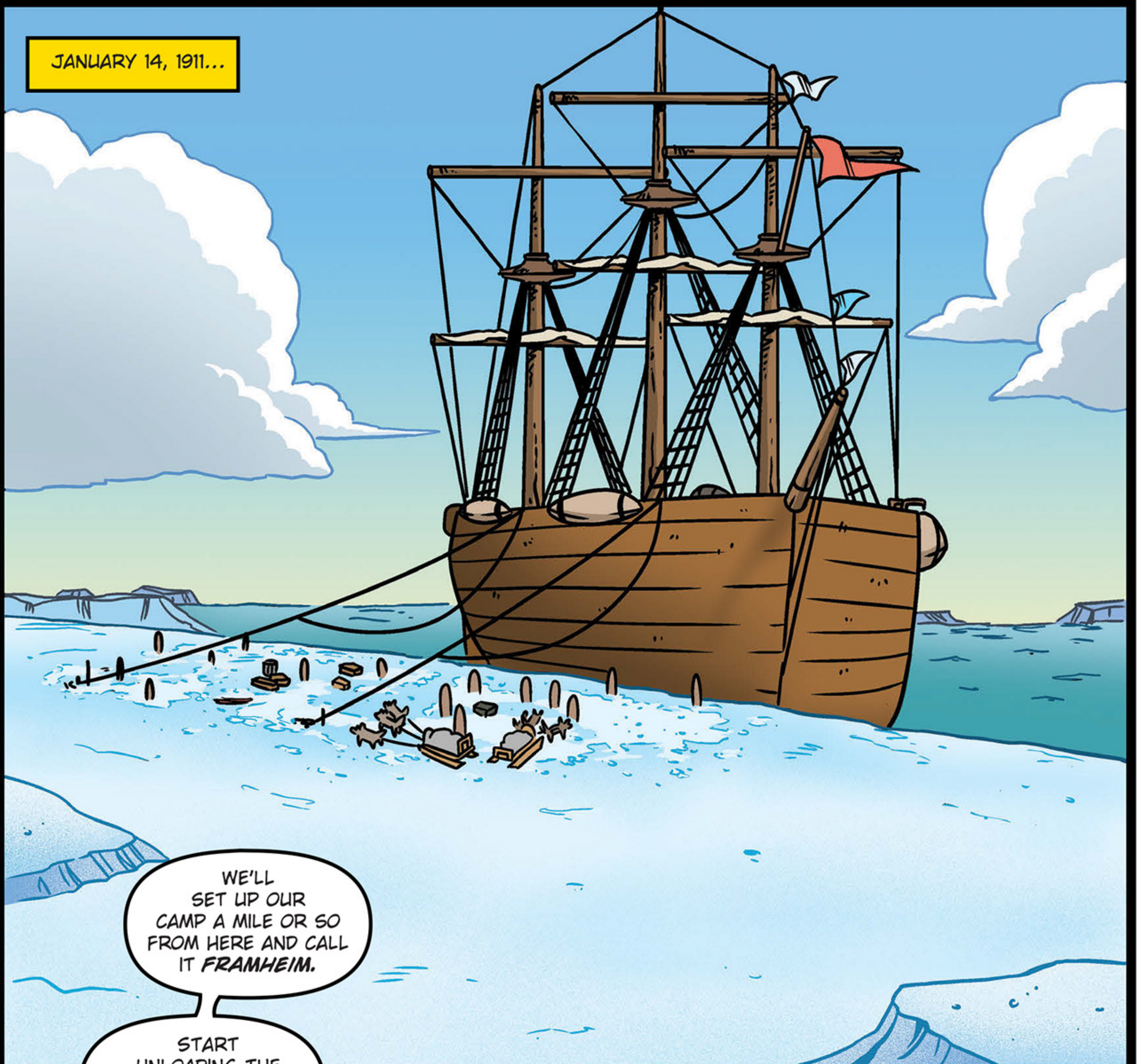
Or maybe they're already on the Antarctic continent, ready to trip us up at the first opportunity?



What's certain is that we have to keep our eyes open. Once we reach the Bay of Whales, danger will lurk around every corner...



JANUARY 14, 1911...



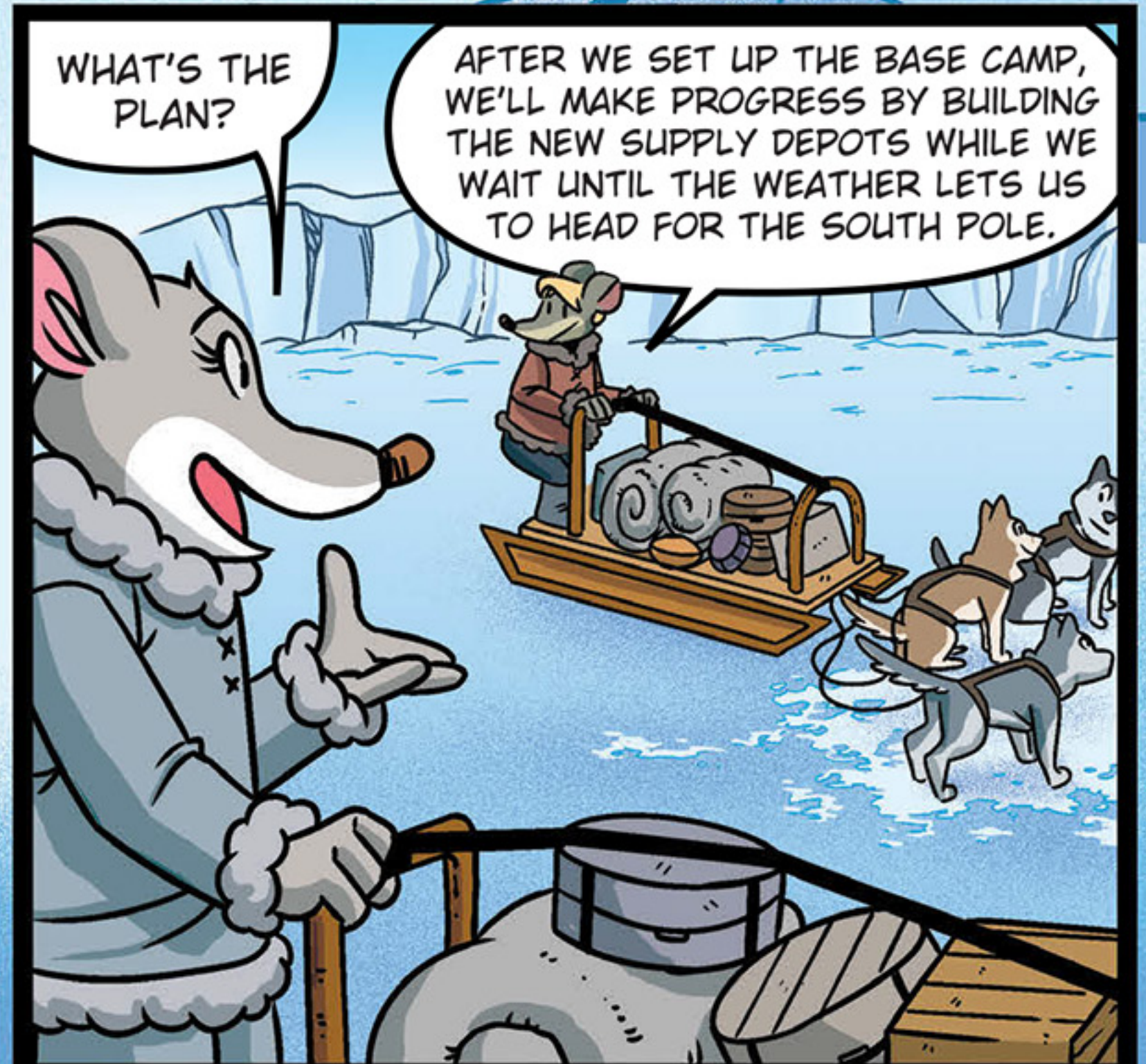
WE'LL
SET UP OUR
CAMP A MILE OR SO
FROM HERE AND CALL
IT *FRAMHEIM*.

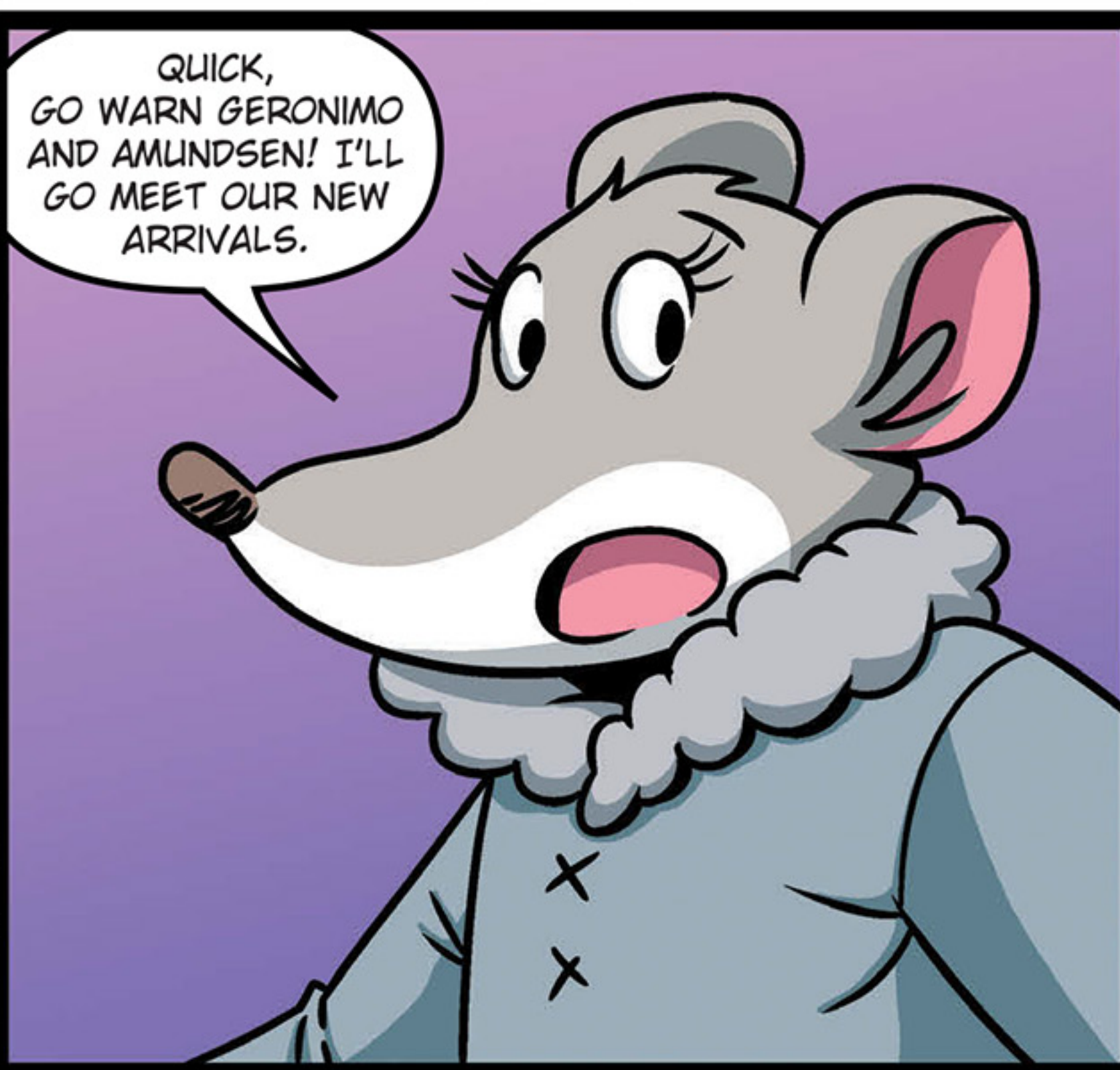
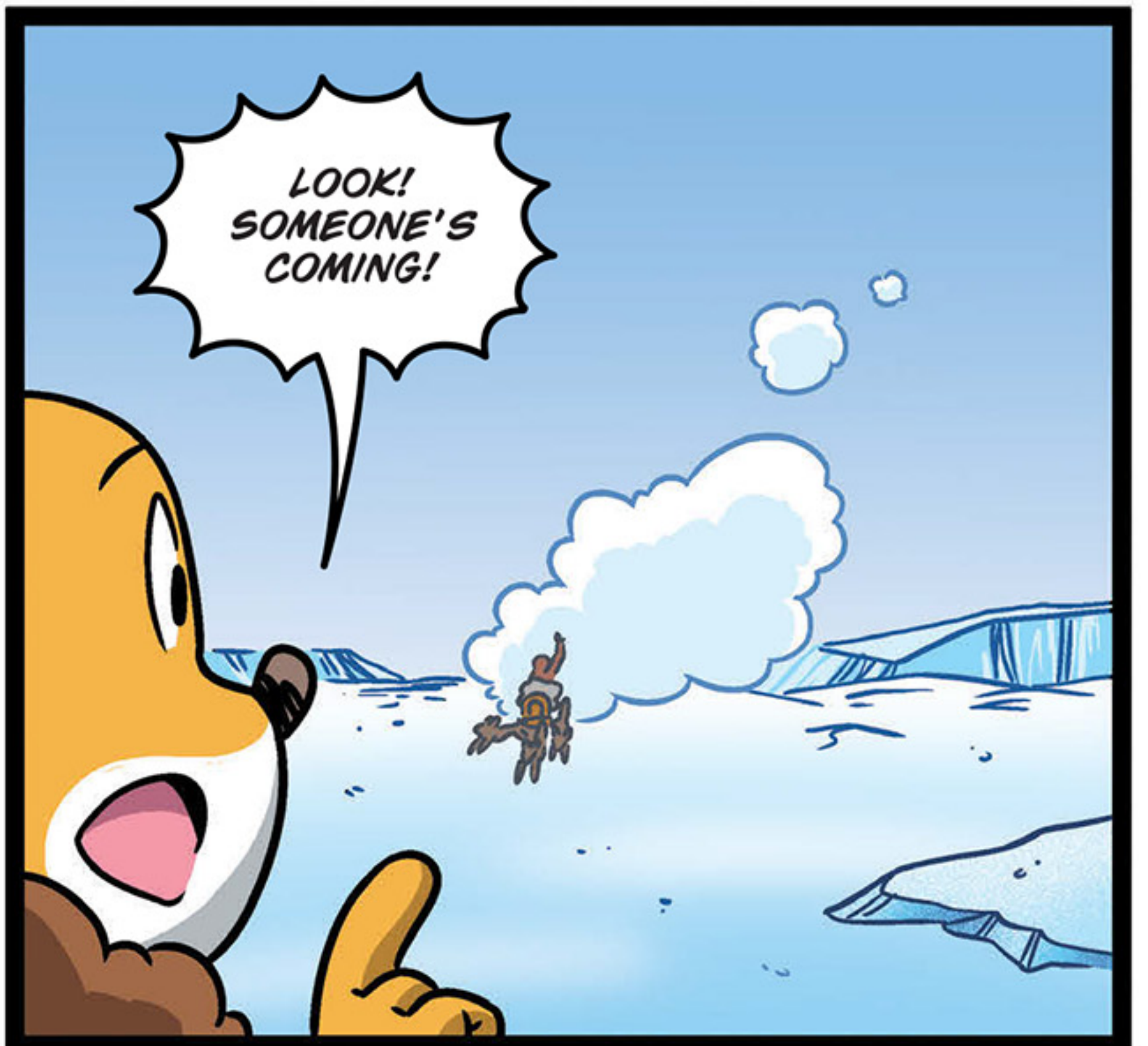
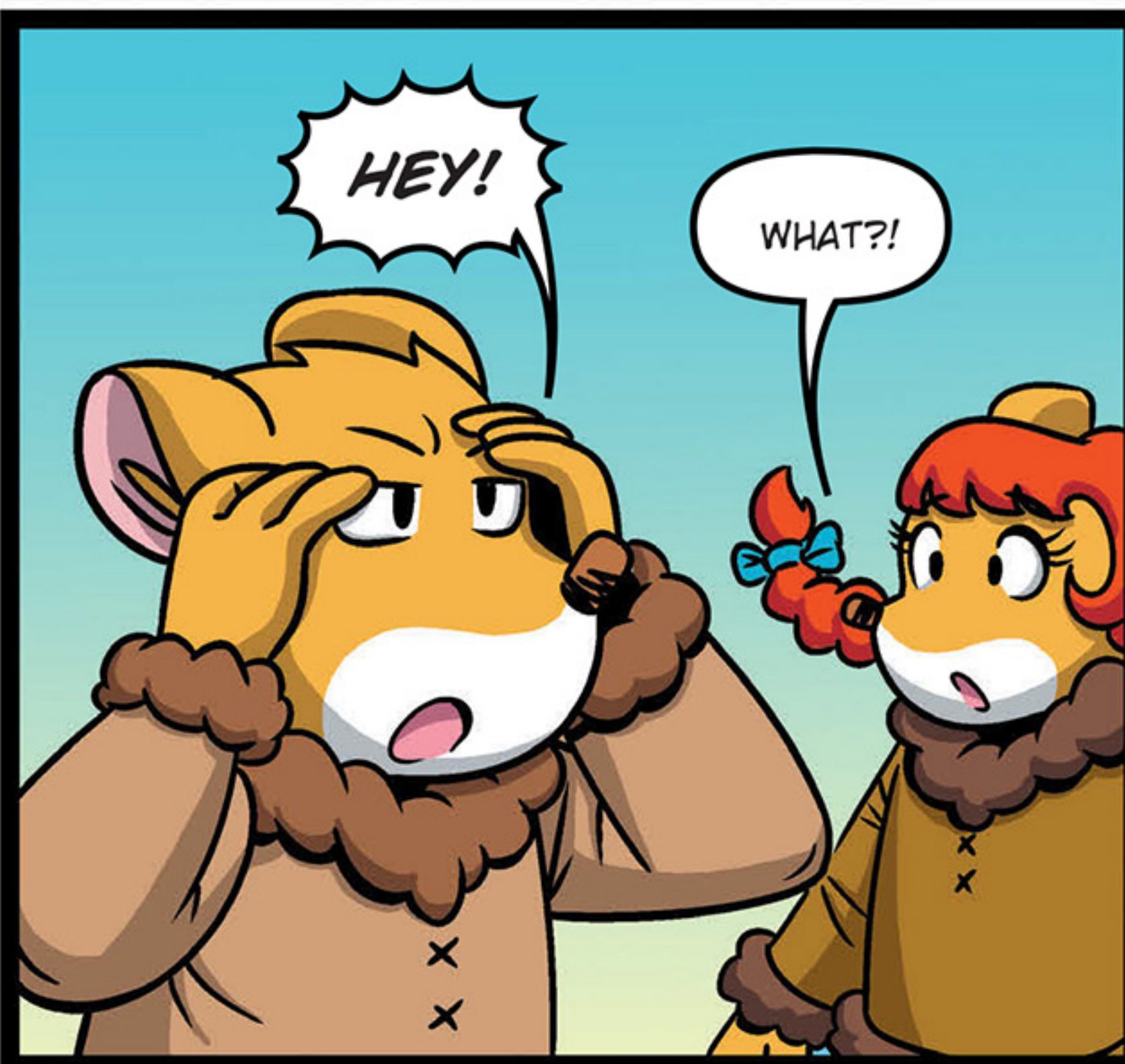
START
UNLOADING THE
SHIPS AND PREPARING
TO TRANSPORT
THE SUPPLIES!

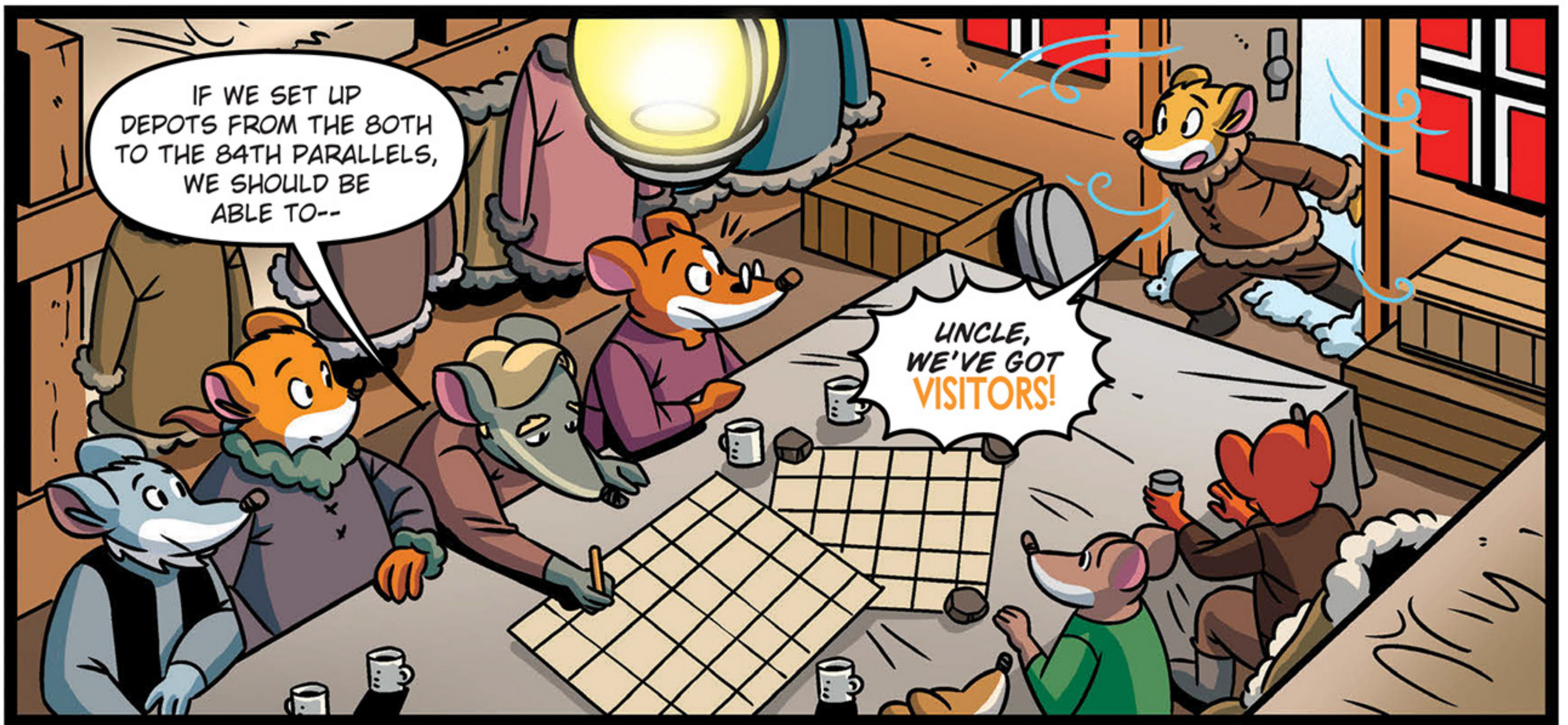


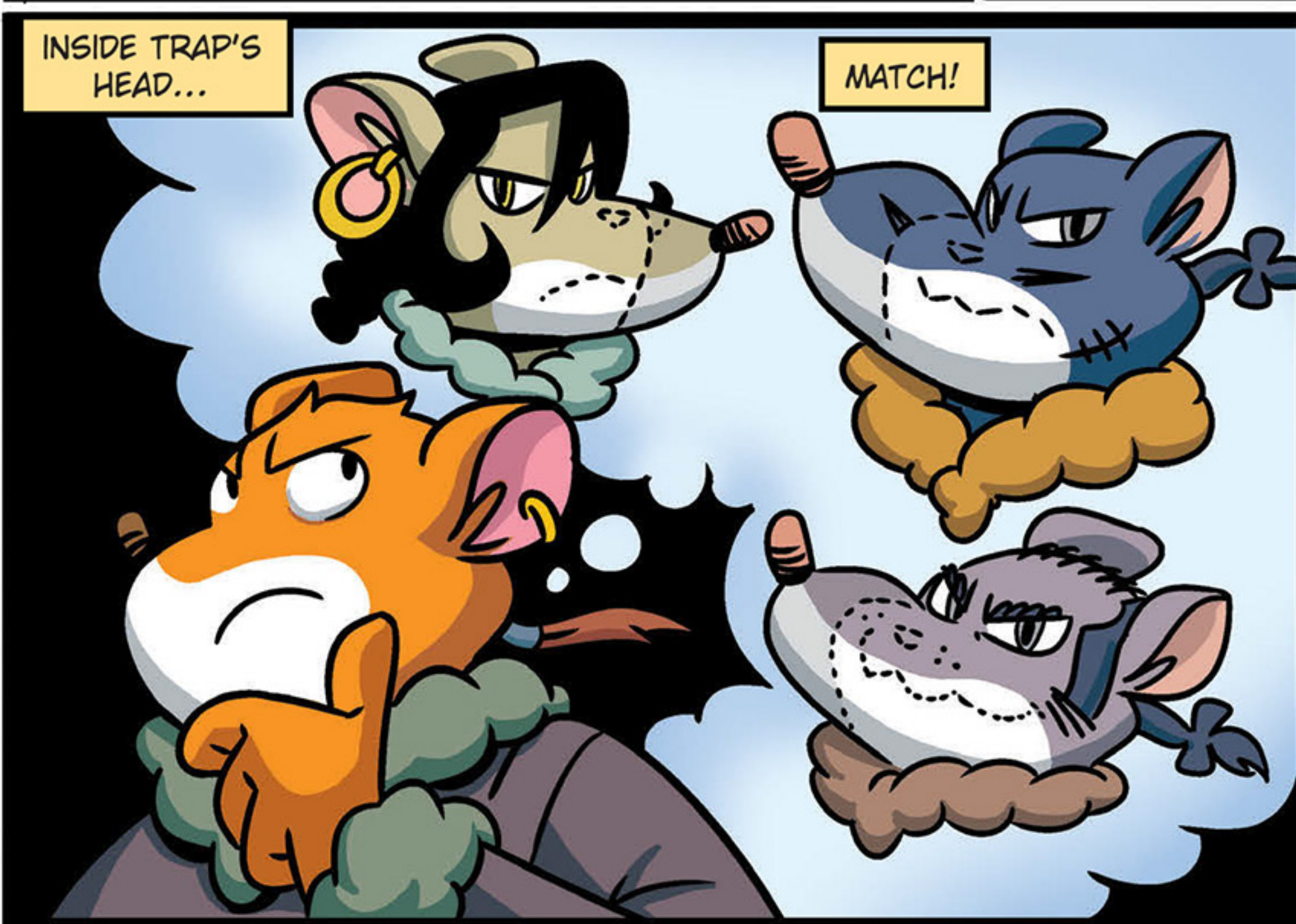
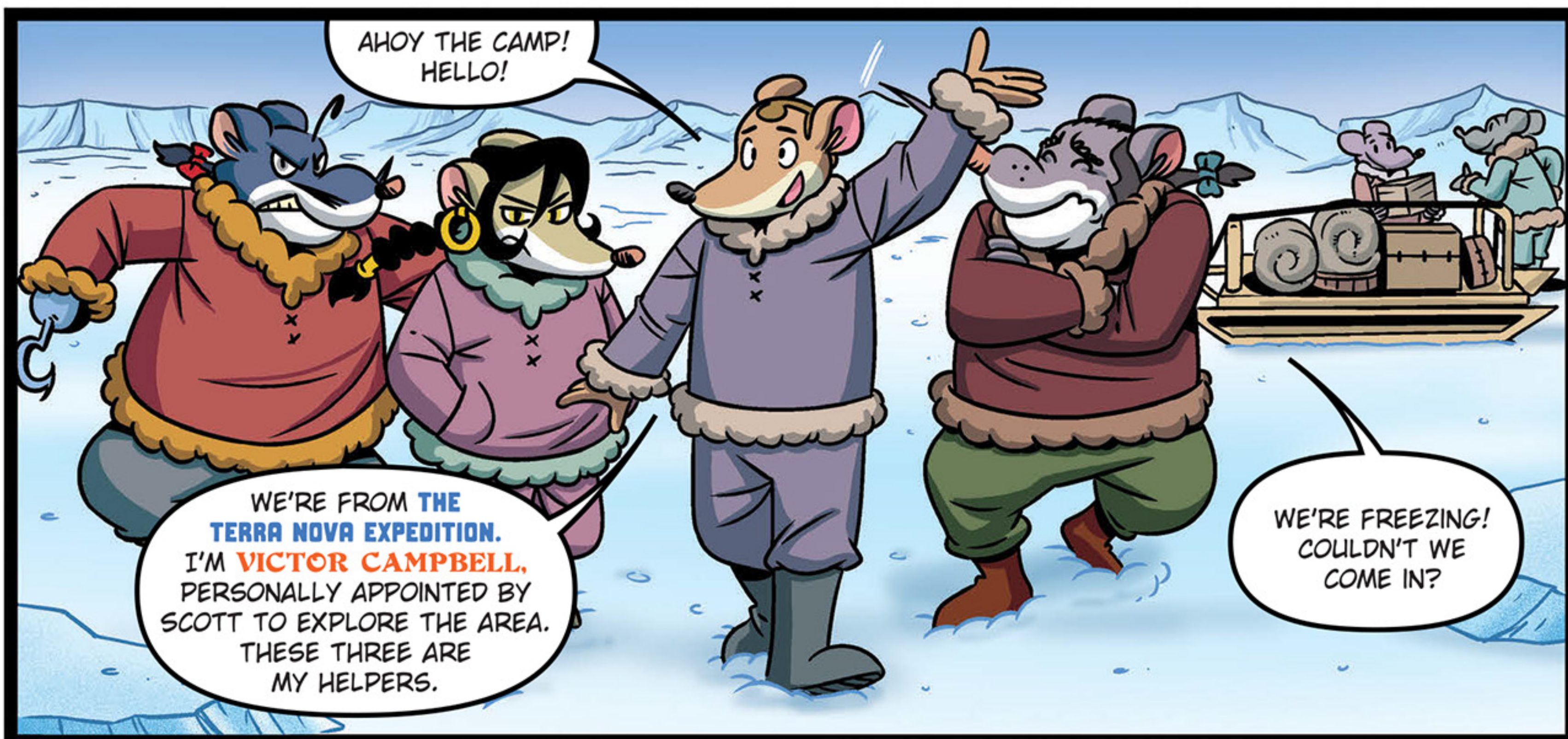
WHAT'S THE
PLAN?

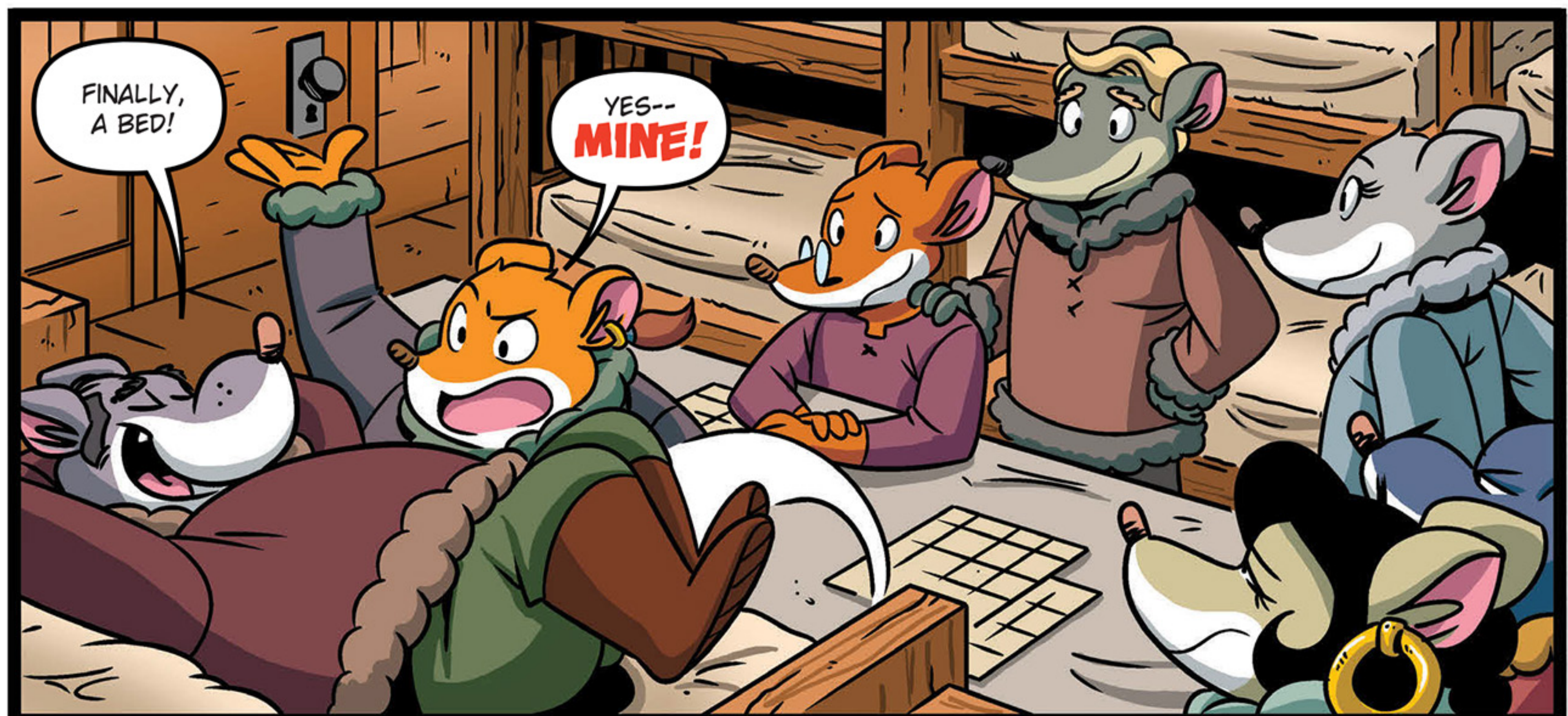
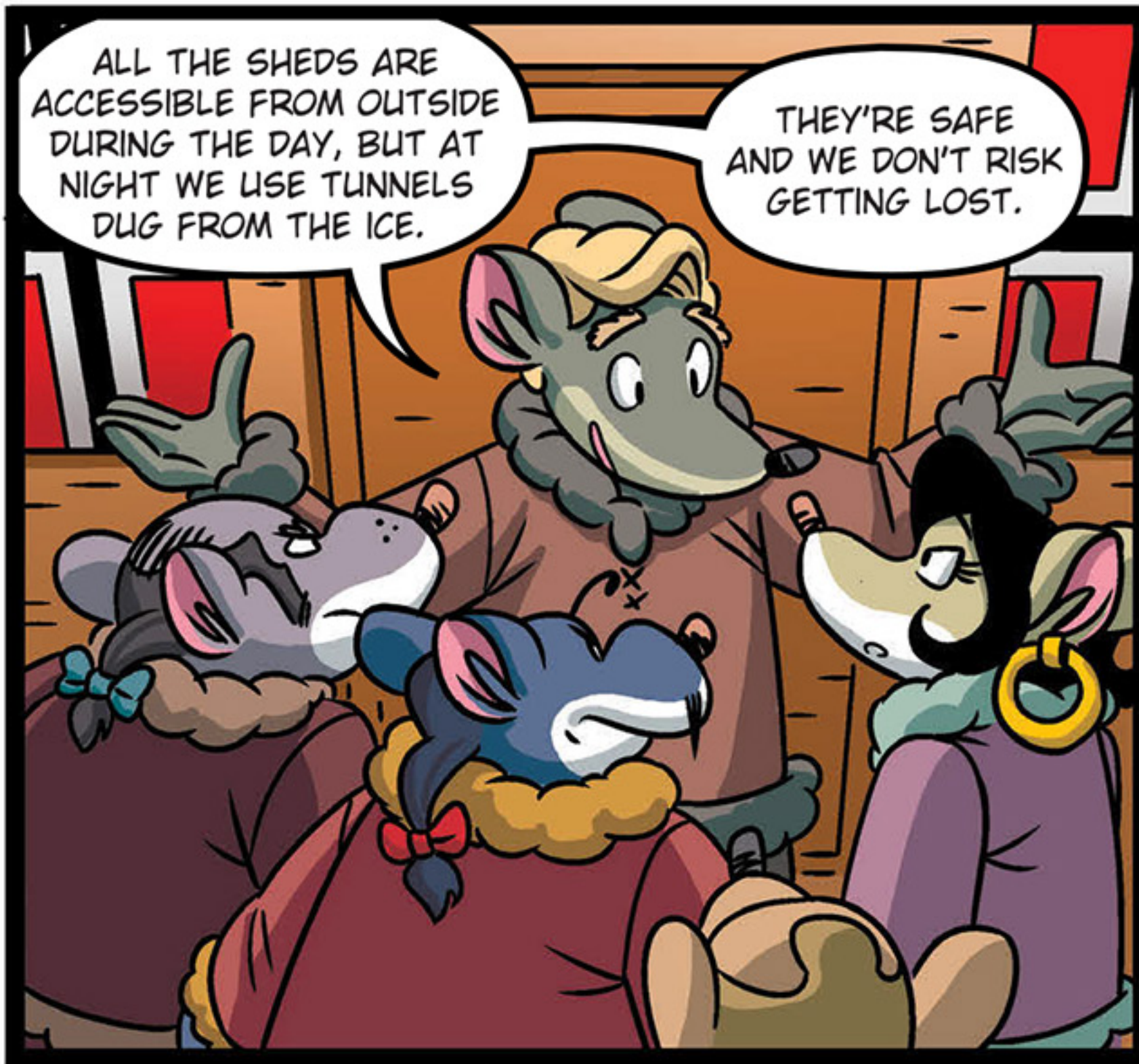
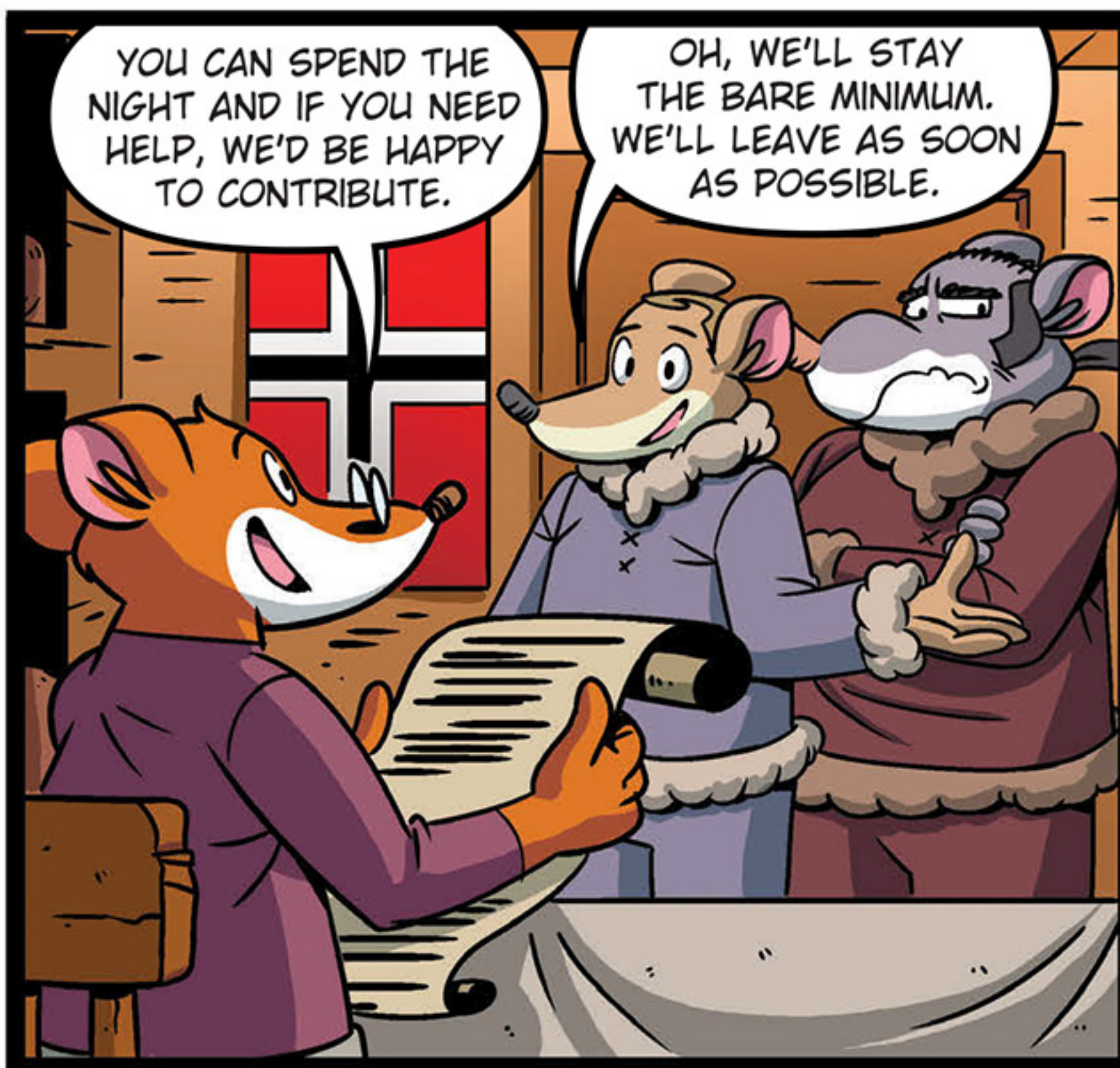
AFTER WE SET UP THE BASE CAMP,
WE'LL MAKE PROGRESS BY BUILDING
THE NEW SUPPLY DEPOTS WHILE WE
WAIT UNTIL THE WEATHER LETS US
TO HEAD FOR THE SOUTH POLE.

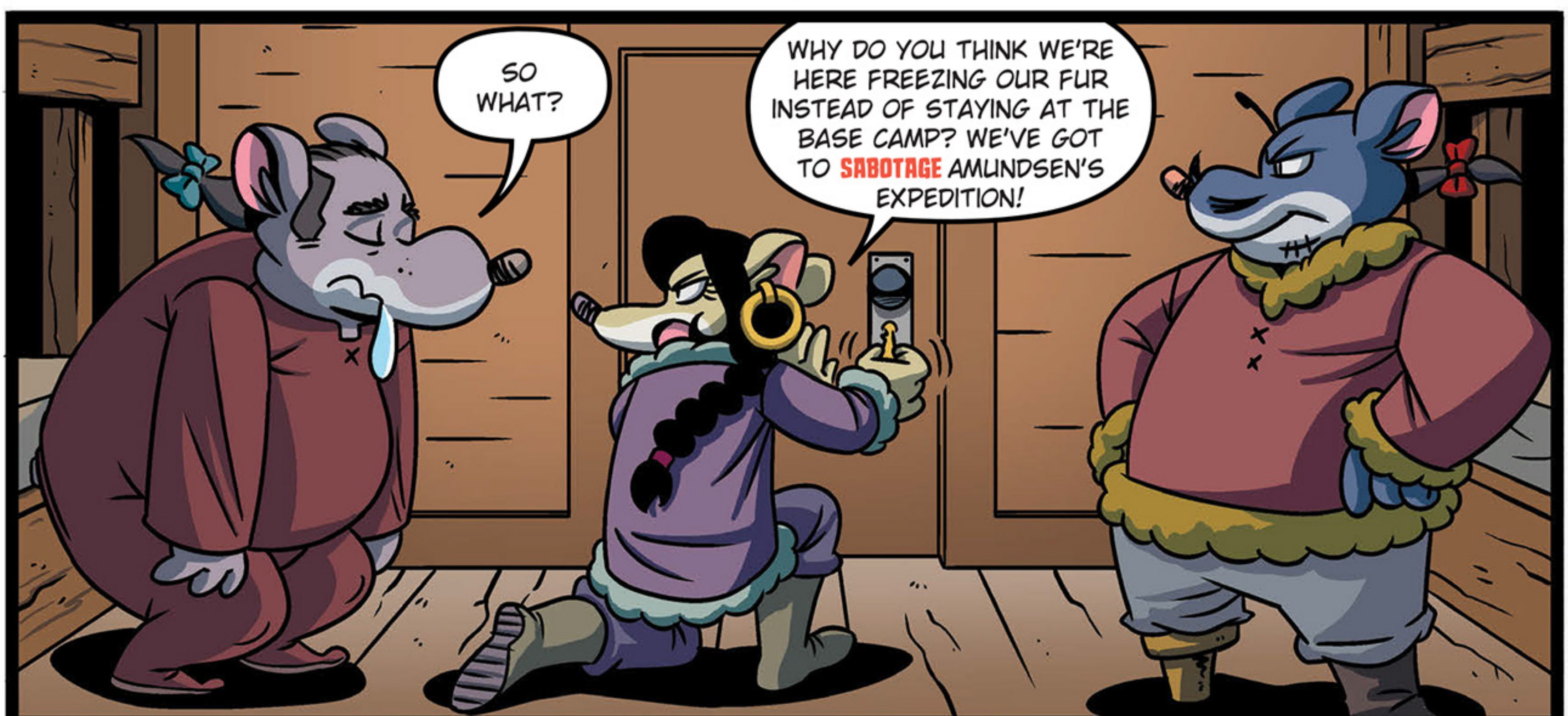
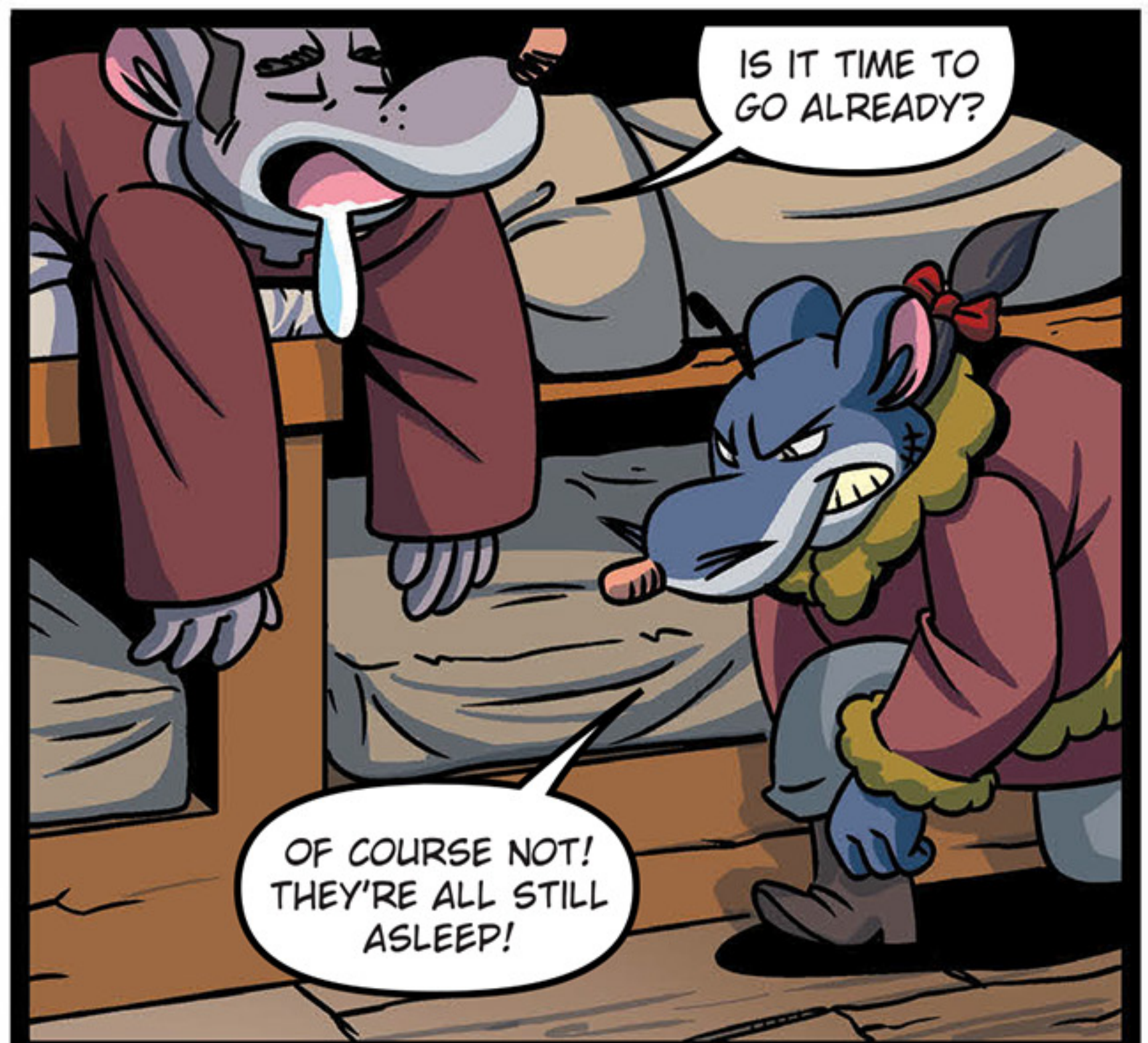
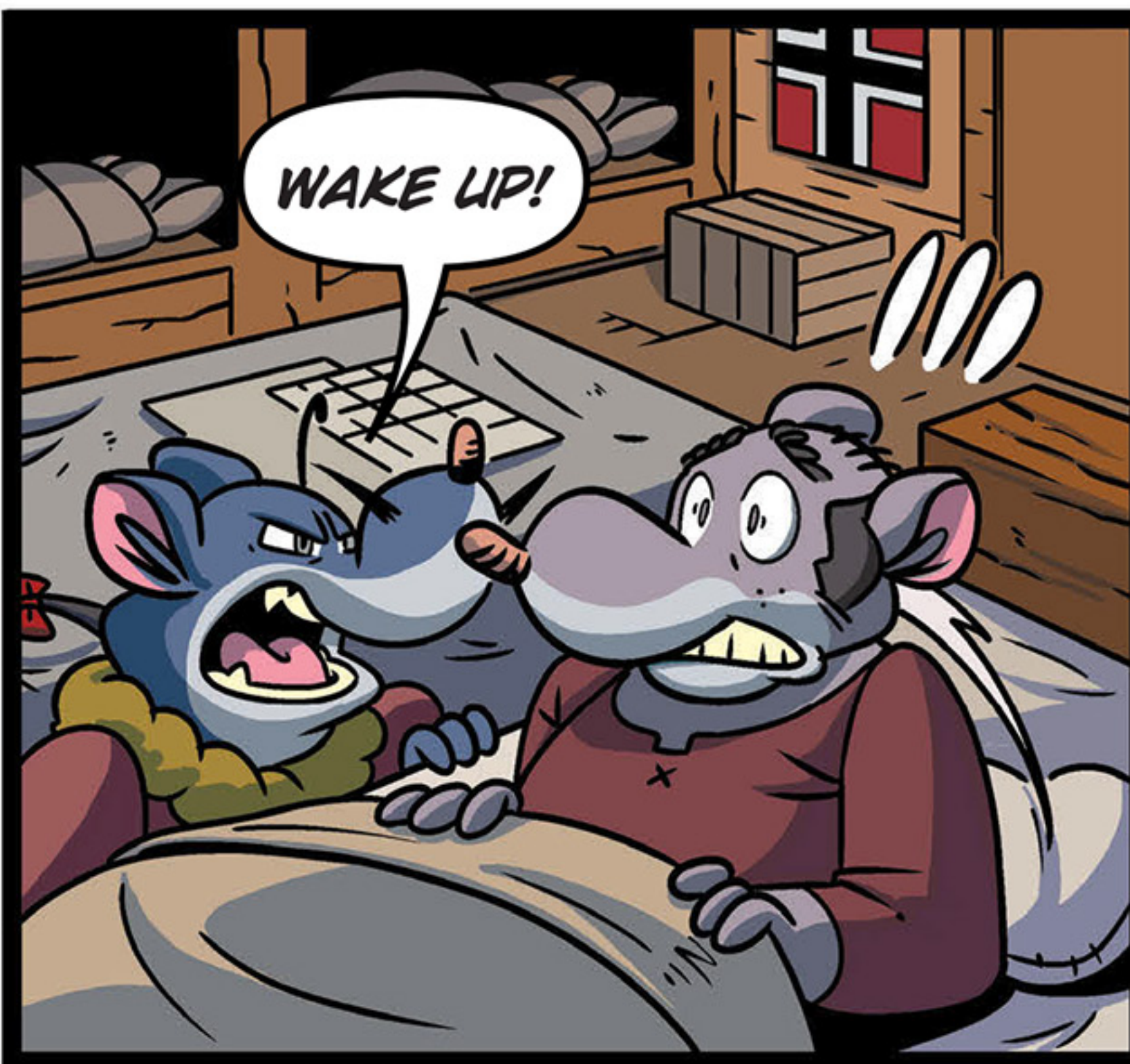
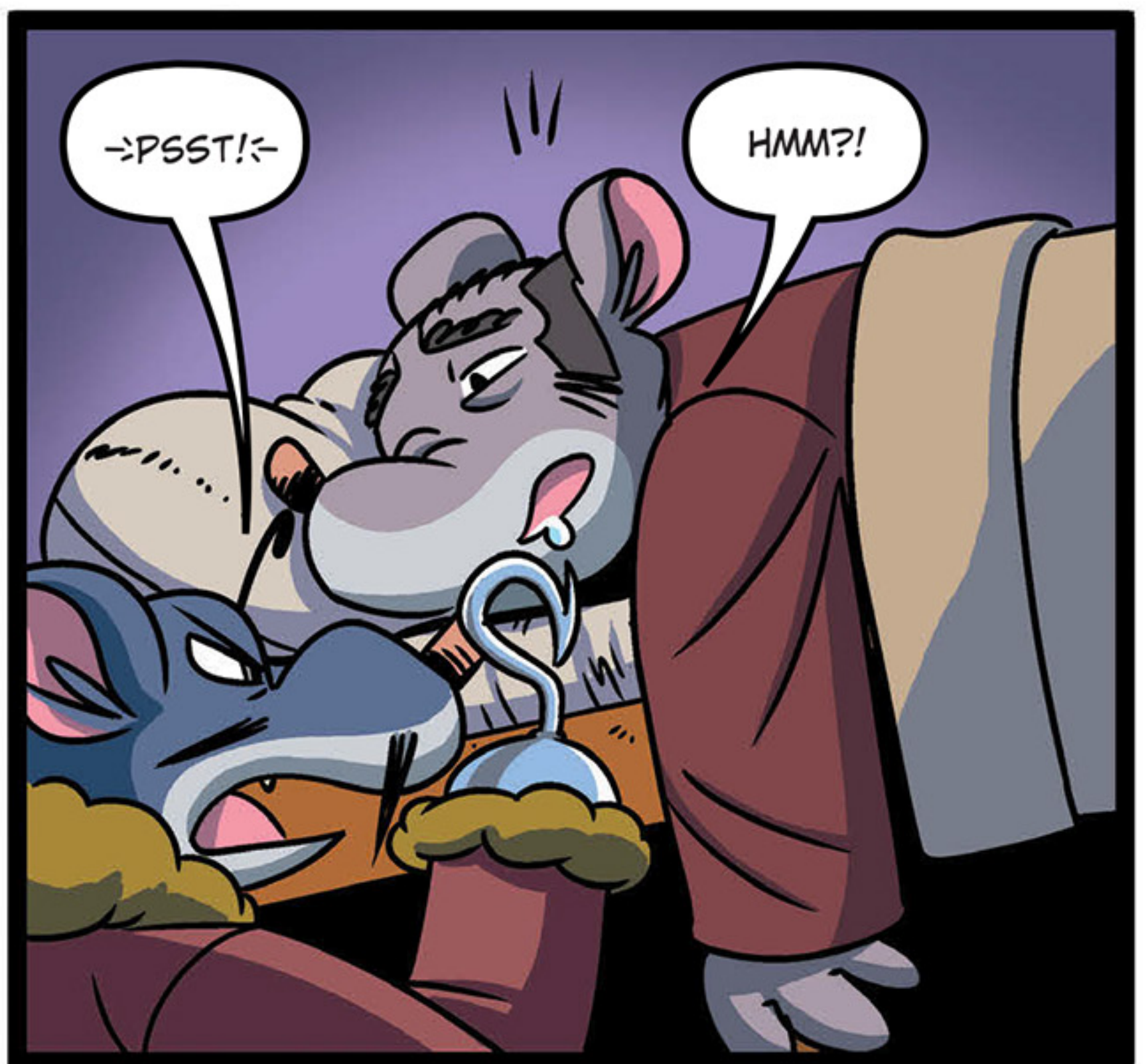


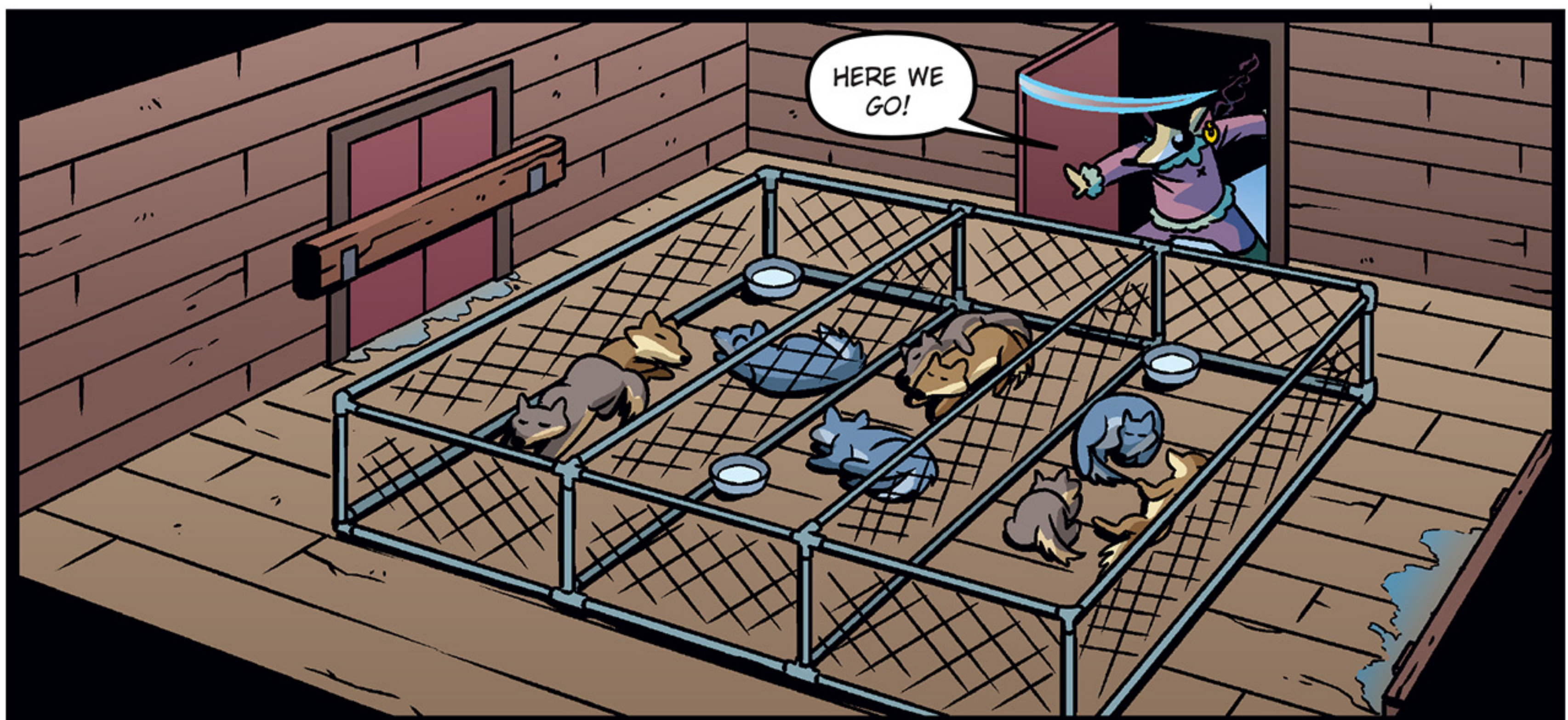
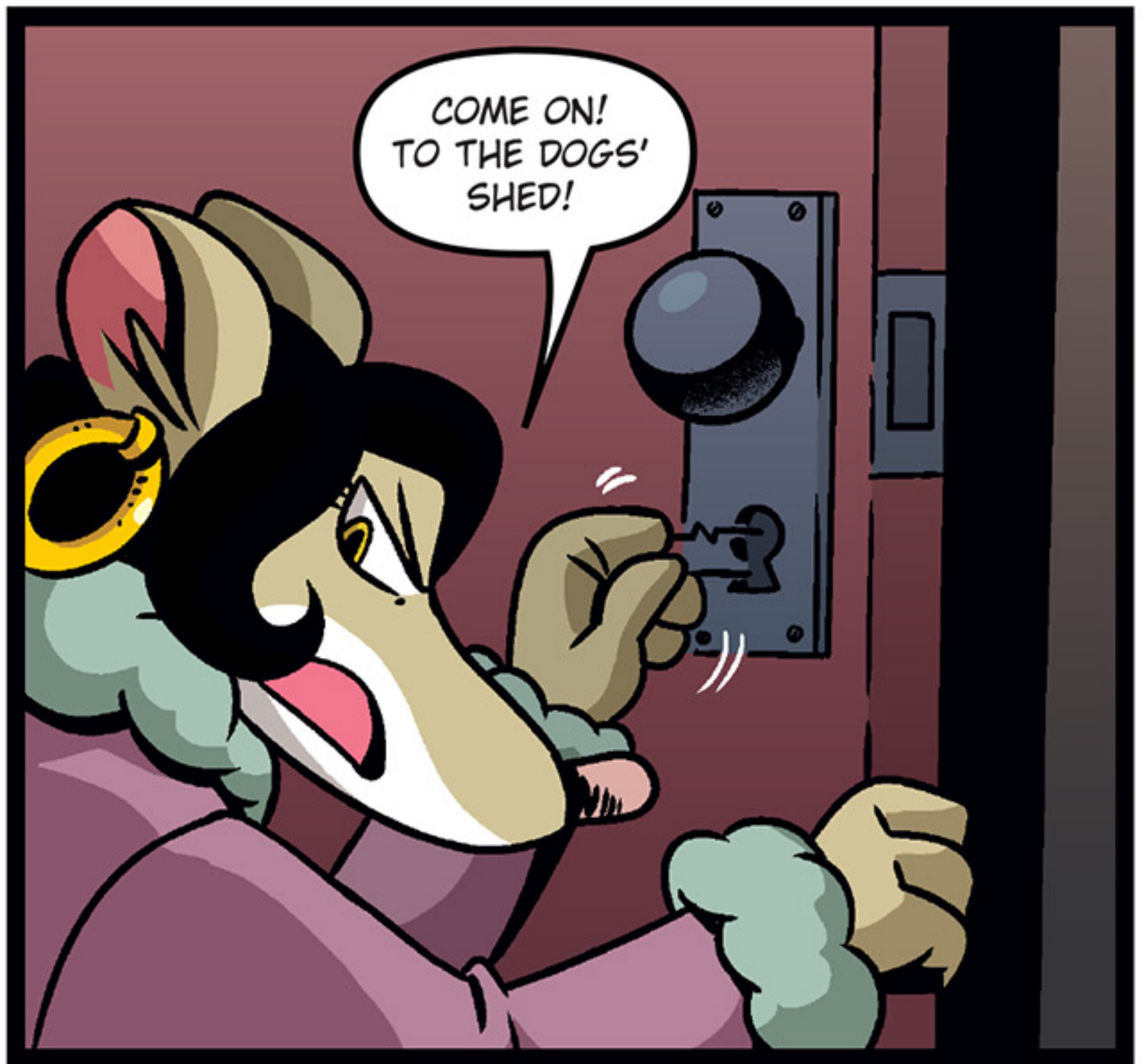


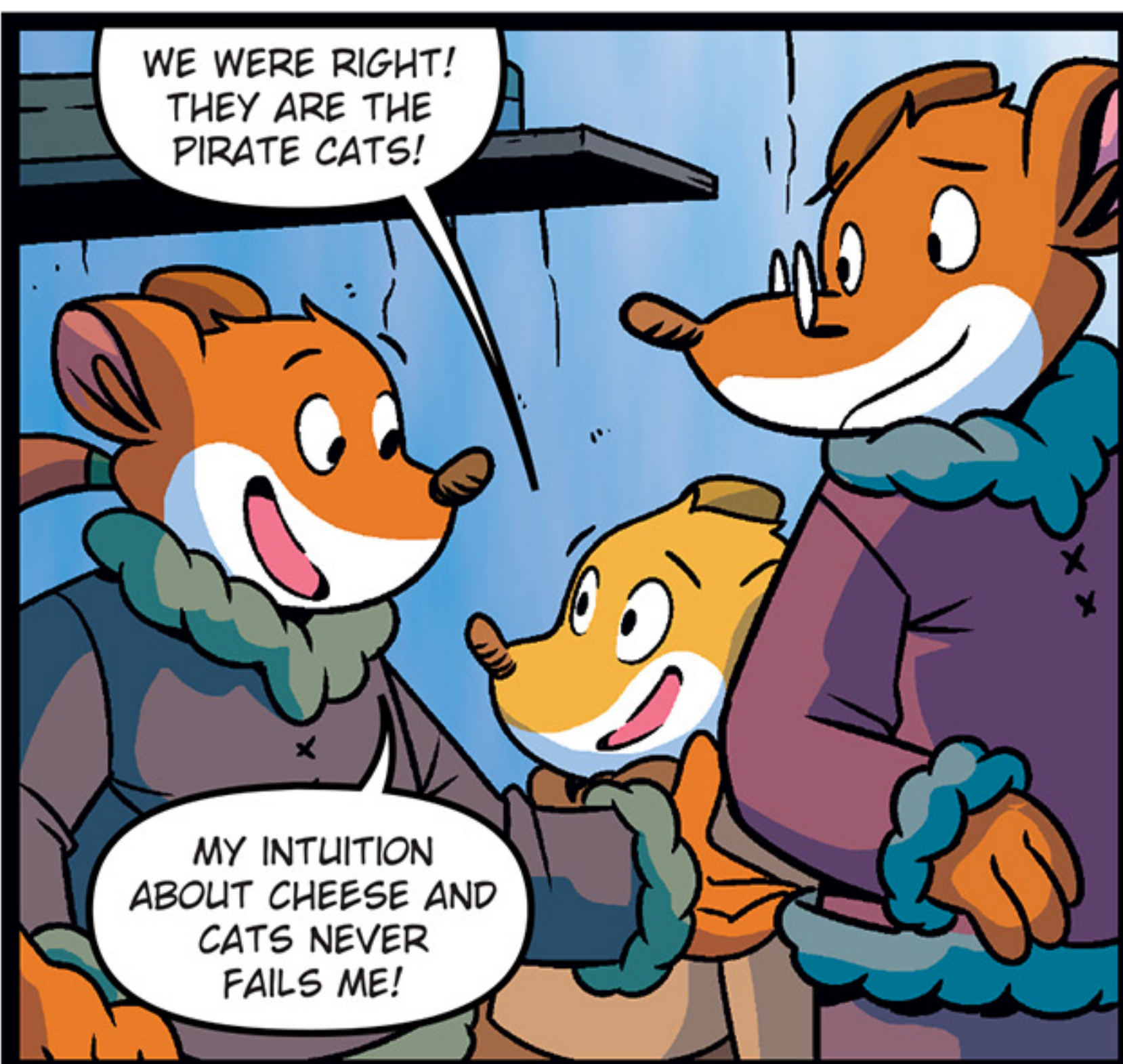
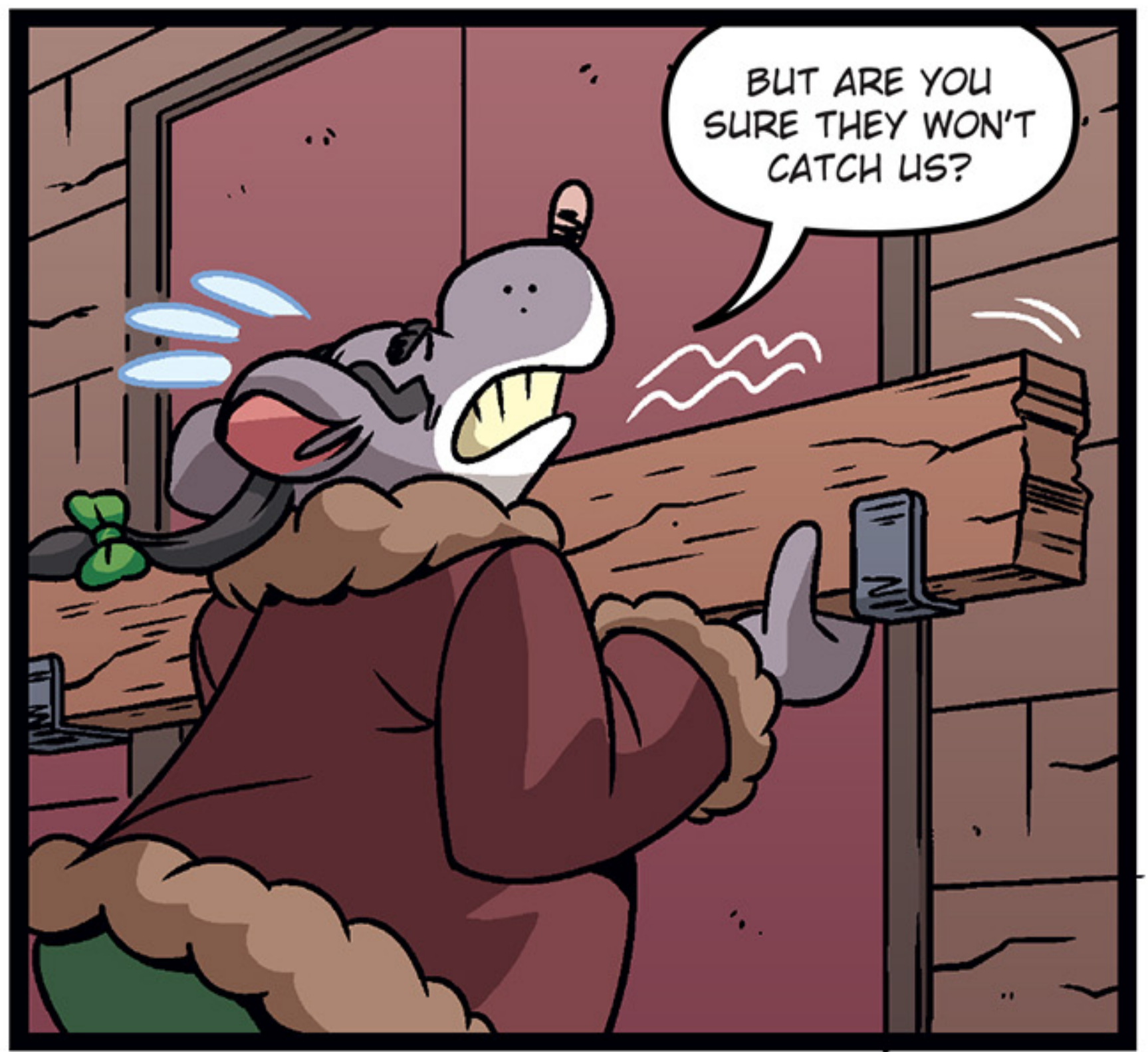


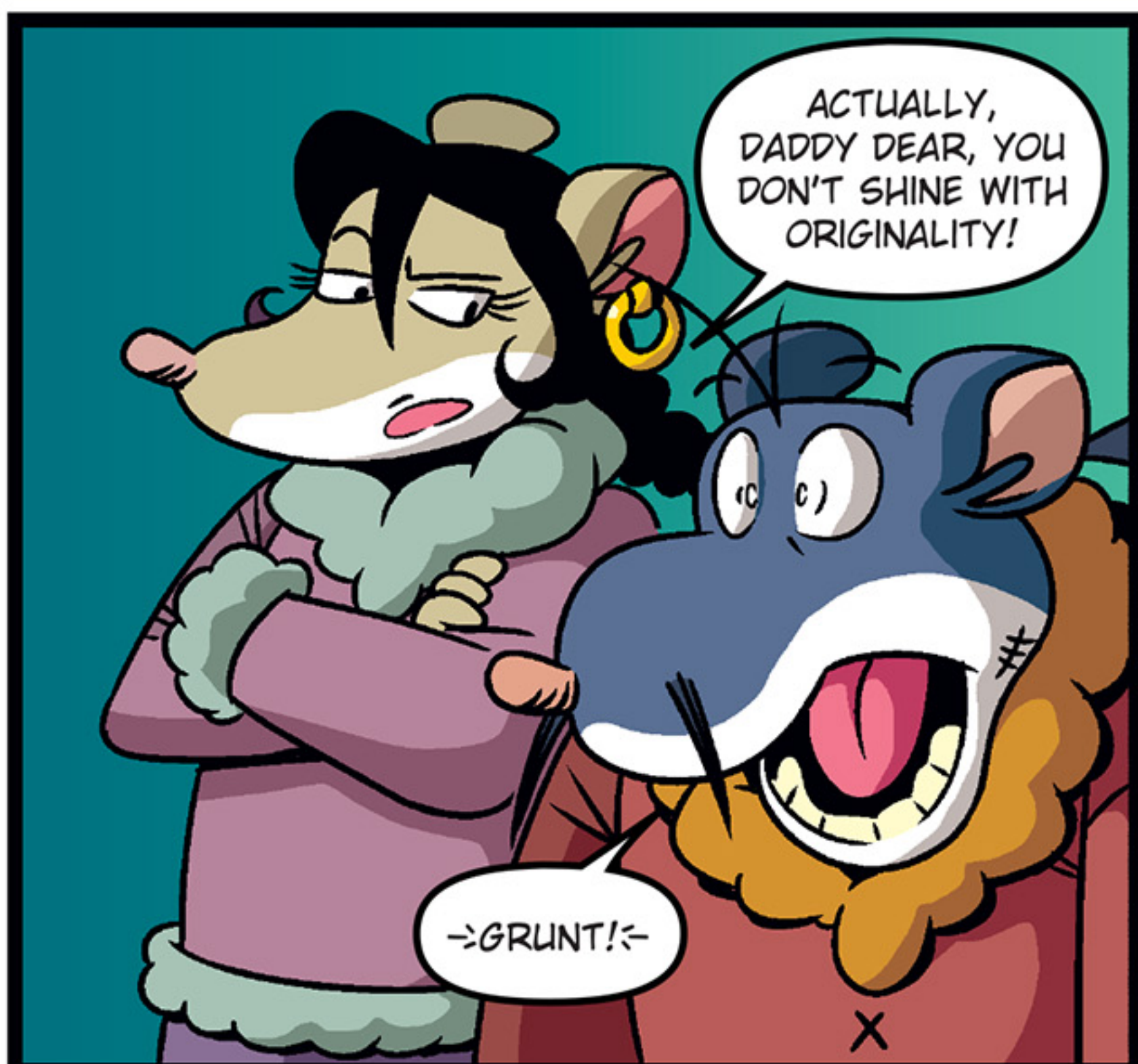
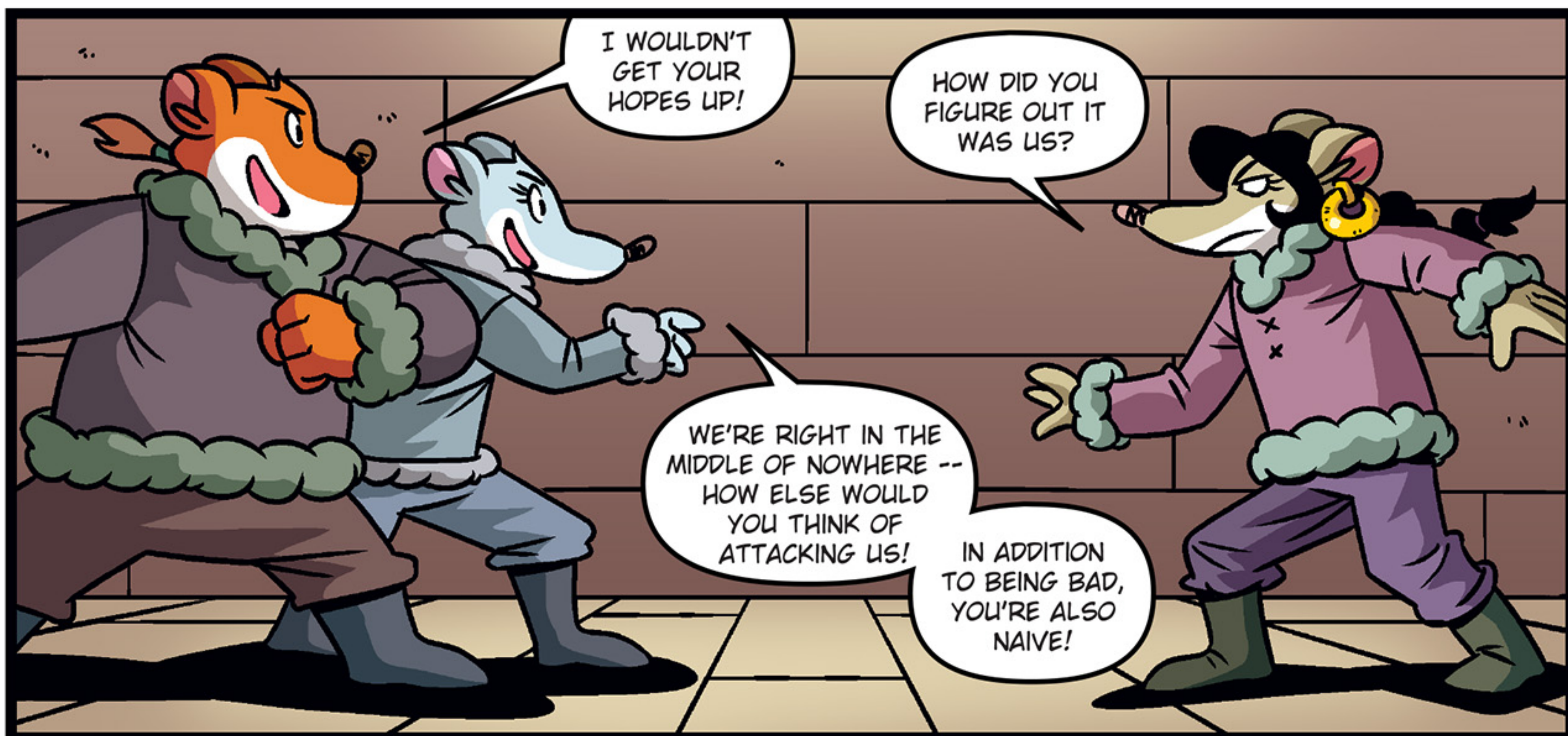


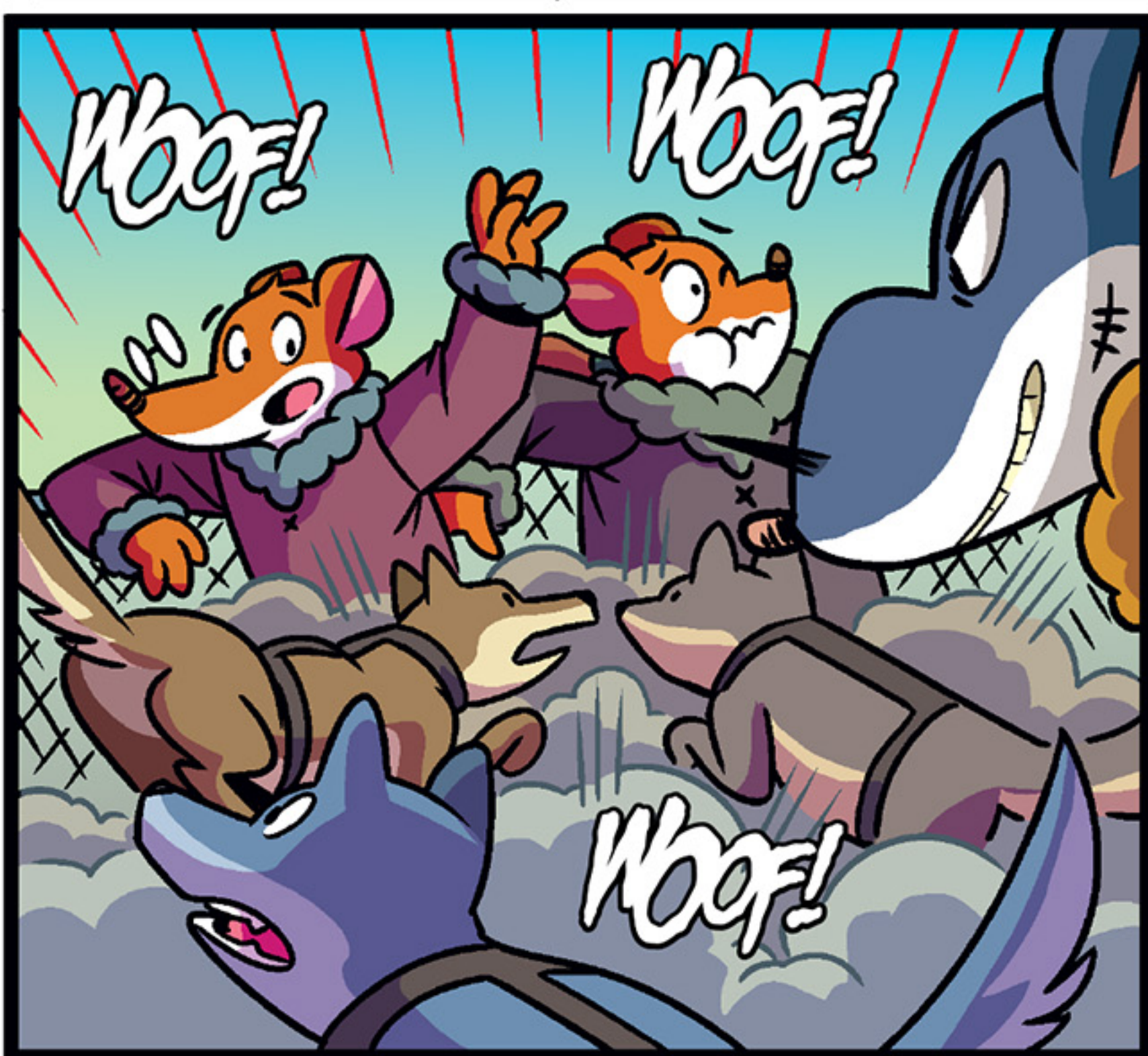


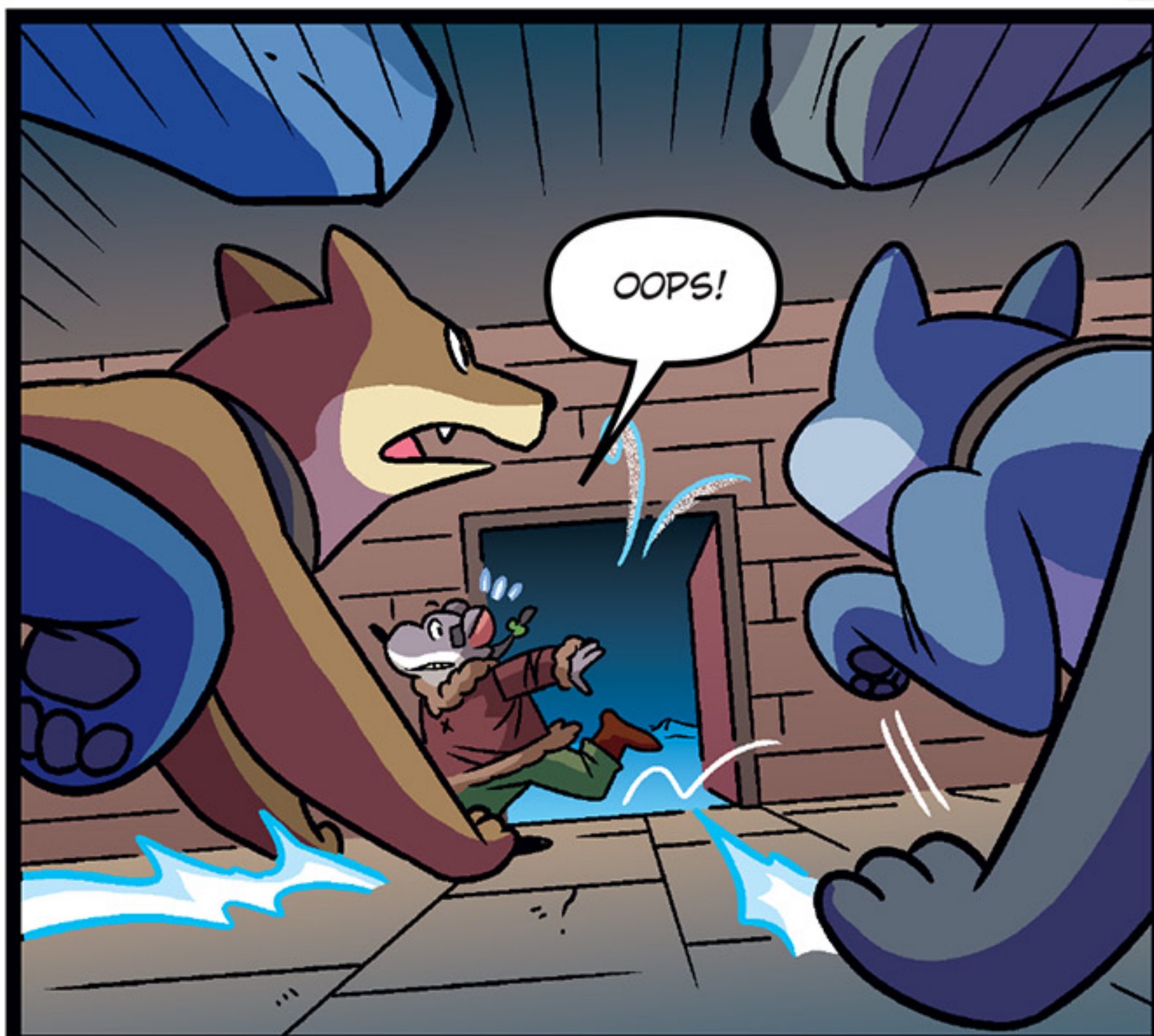
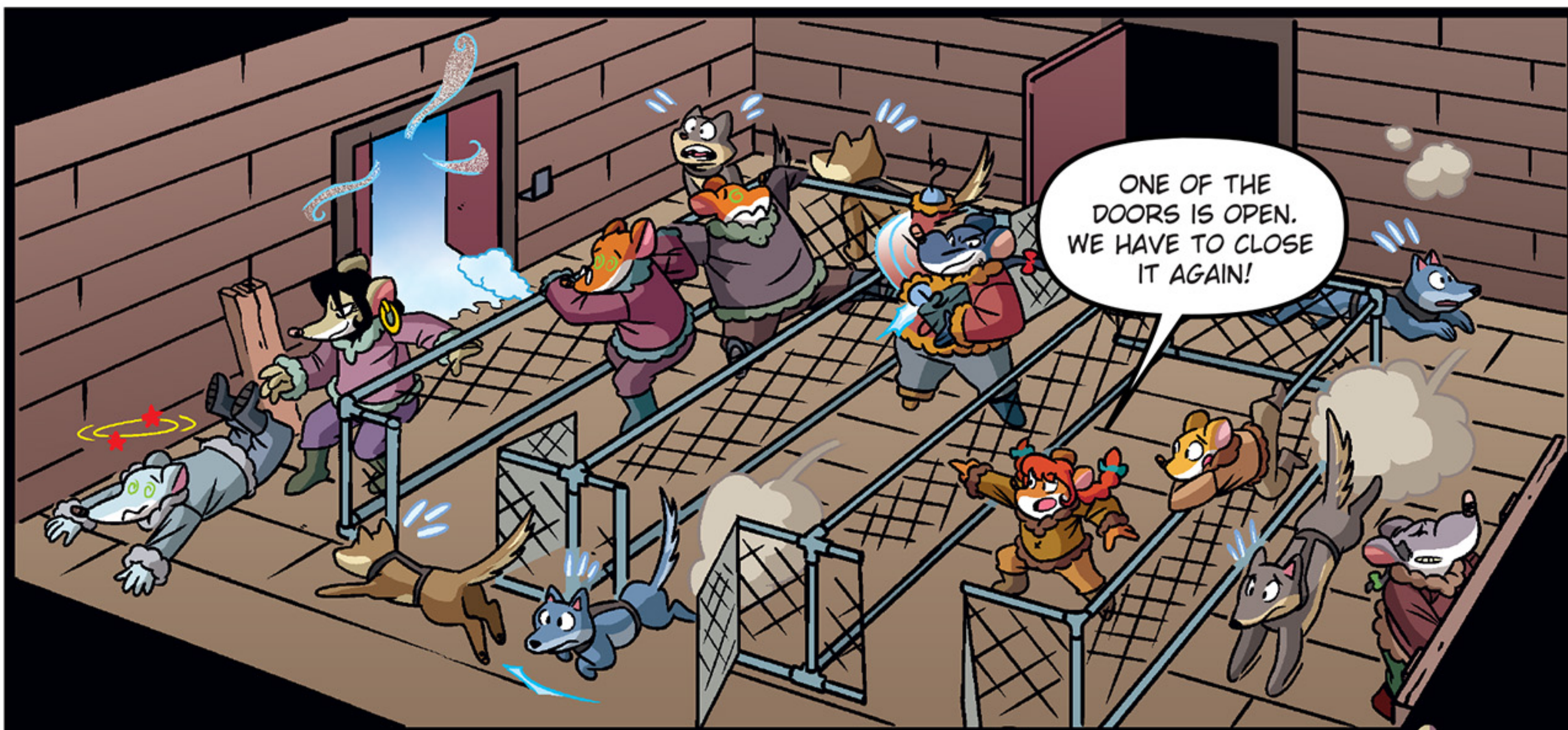


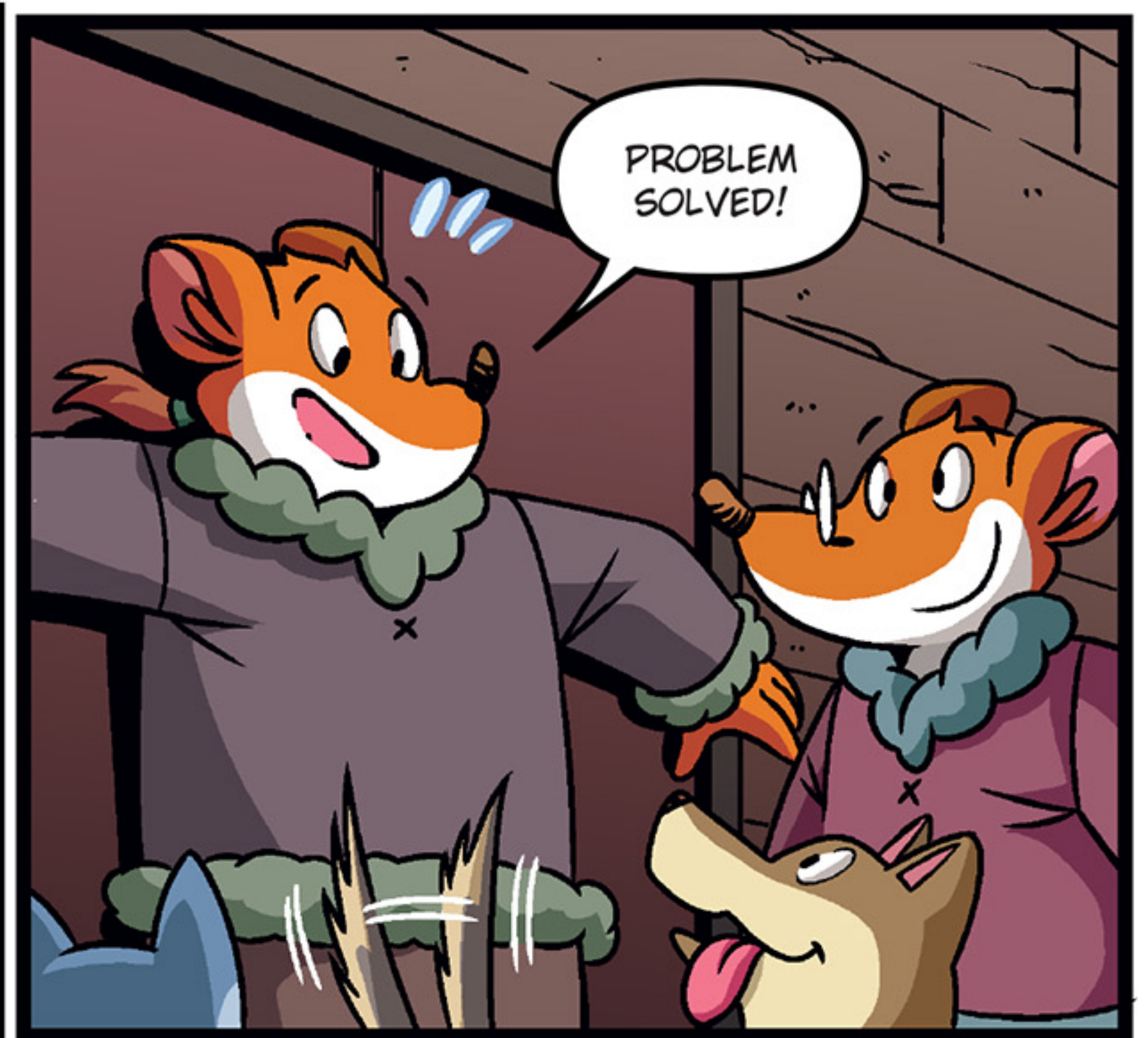
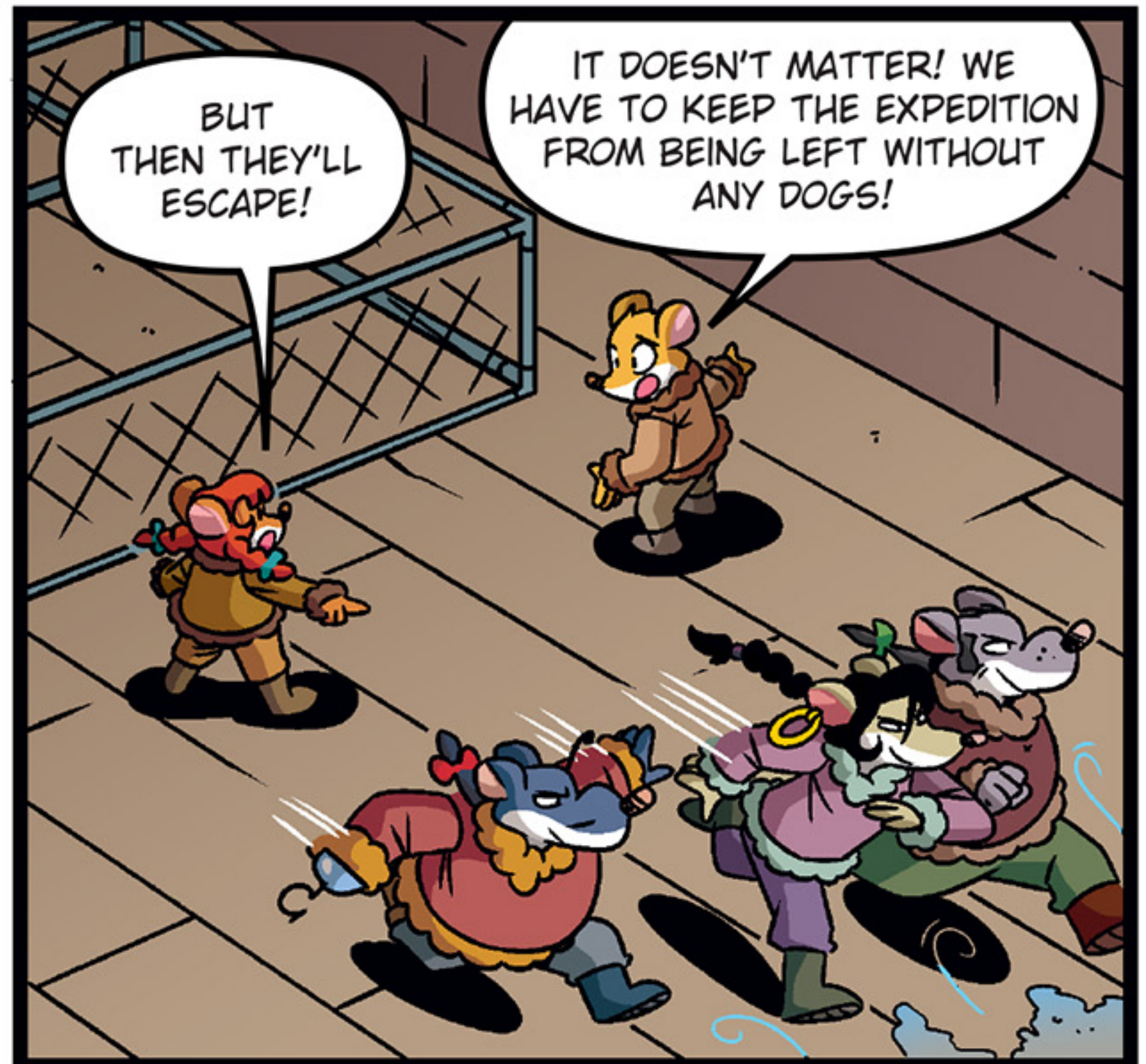


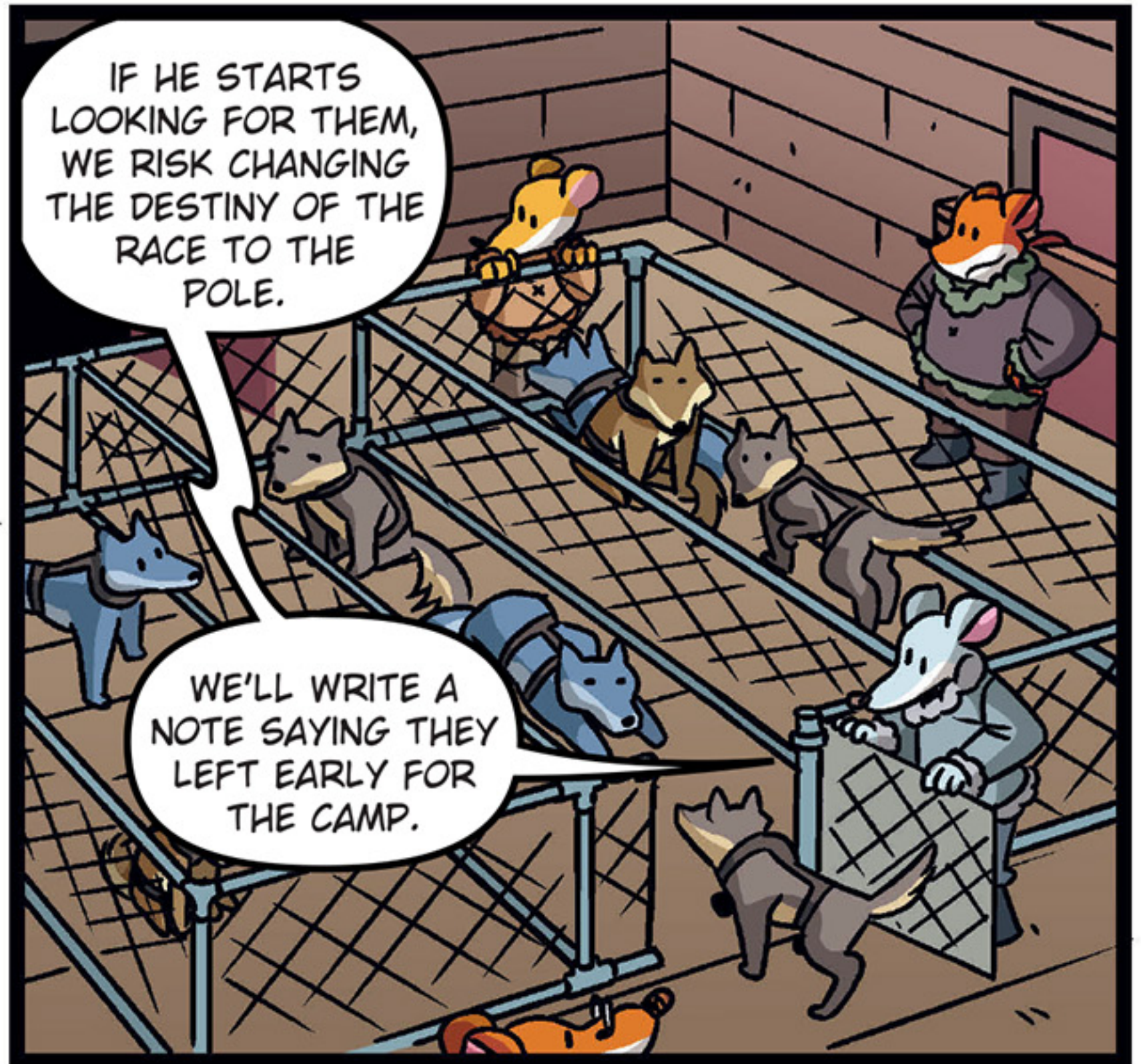


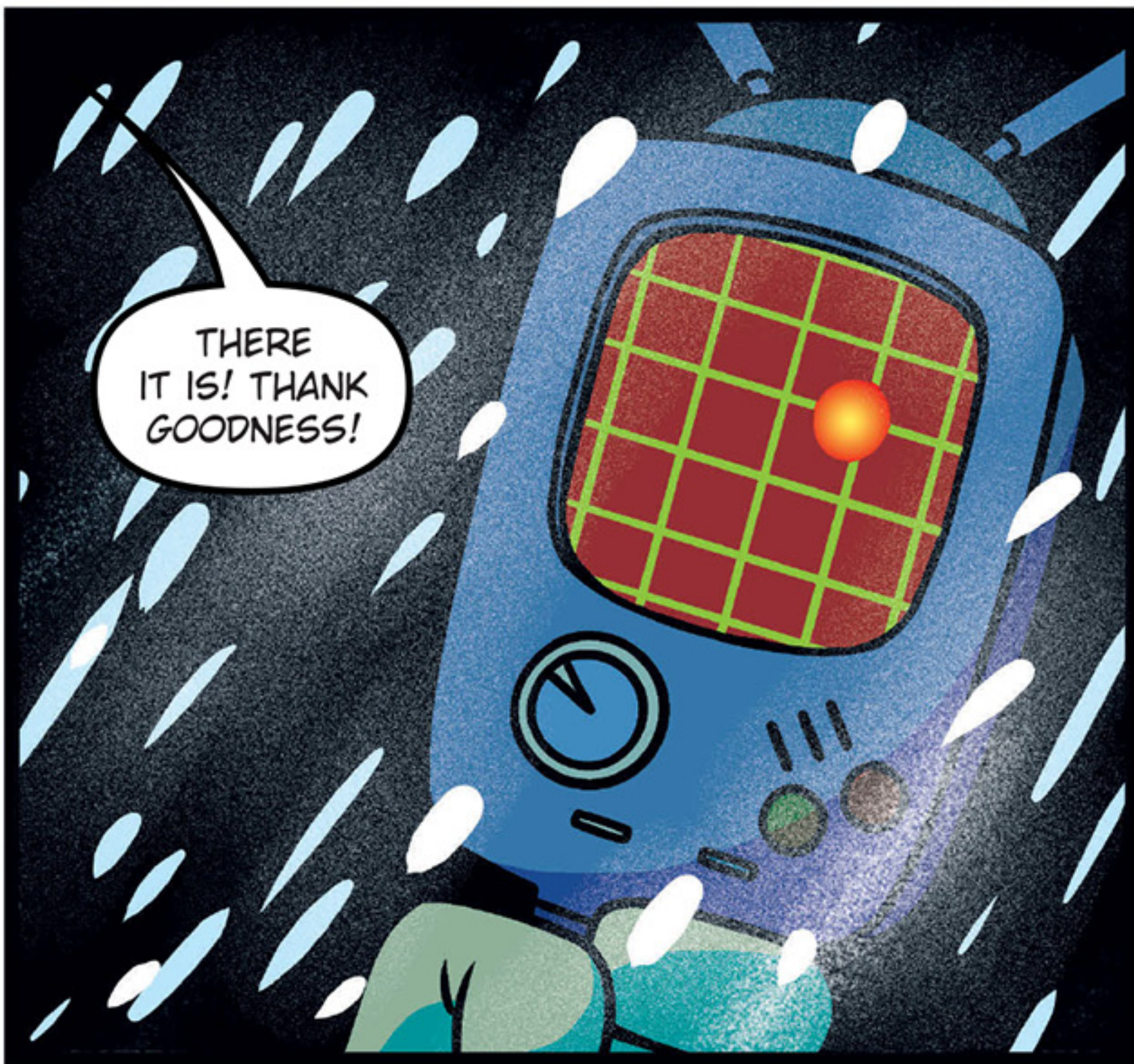














OCTOBER 19, 1911...

We've finally left on the land journey that will take us to the South Pole. We'll cross the Ross Ice Shelf to head to the next depots.

In Amundsen's opinion, it will take us 100 days to reach our goal, and I know he's right.

The problem is we don't know when or if the Pirate Cats will try to attack us...

The setting doesn't lend itself very much to ambushes, but we have to keep our eyes open...

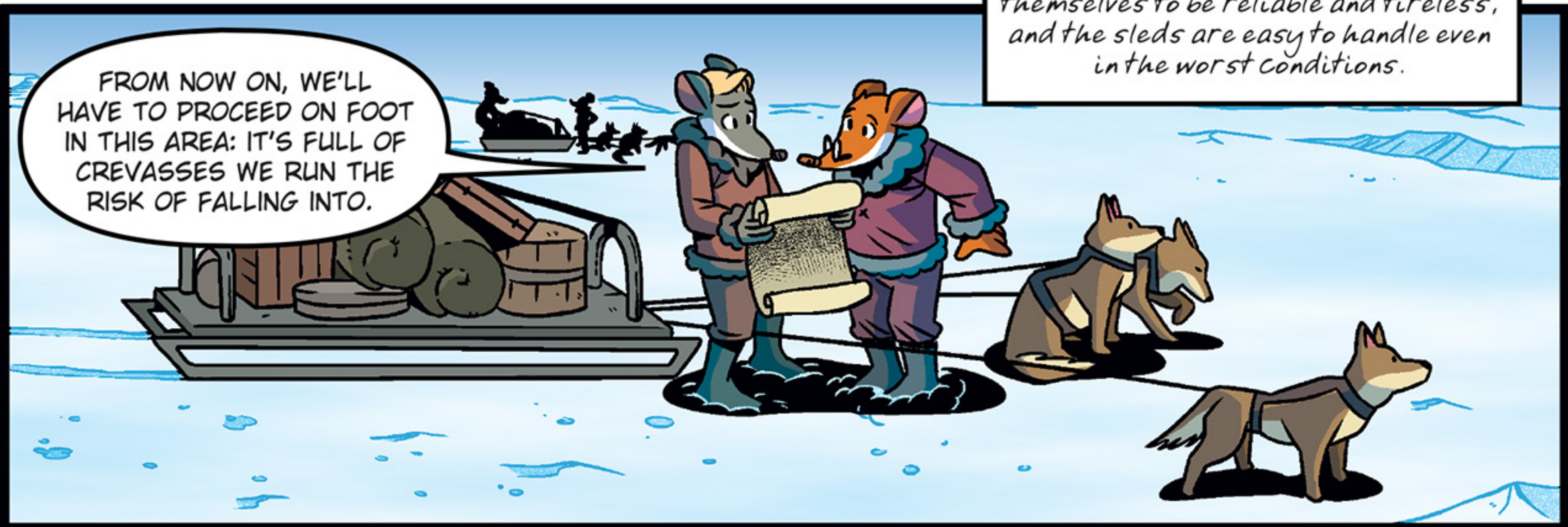
NOVEMBER 15, 1911...

We've arrived at the shelter at the 85th parallel. Today we've been given a rest day to admire THE TRANSANTARCTIC MOUNTAINS...

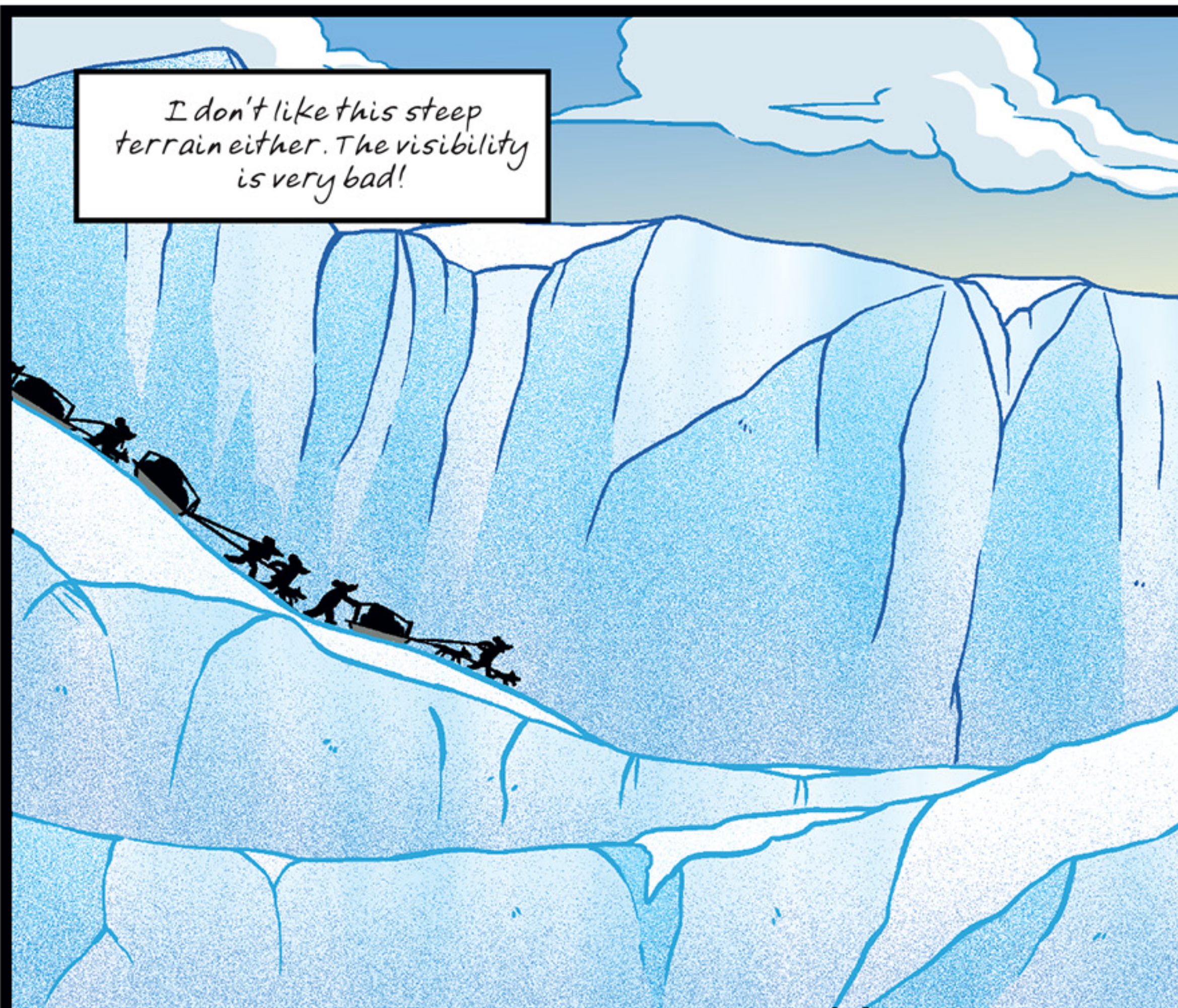


Luckily, the dogs have shown themselves to be reliable and tireless, and the sleds are easy to handle even in the worst conditions.

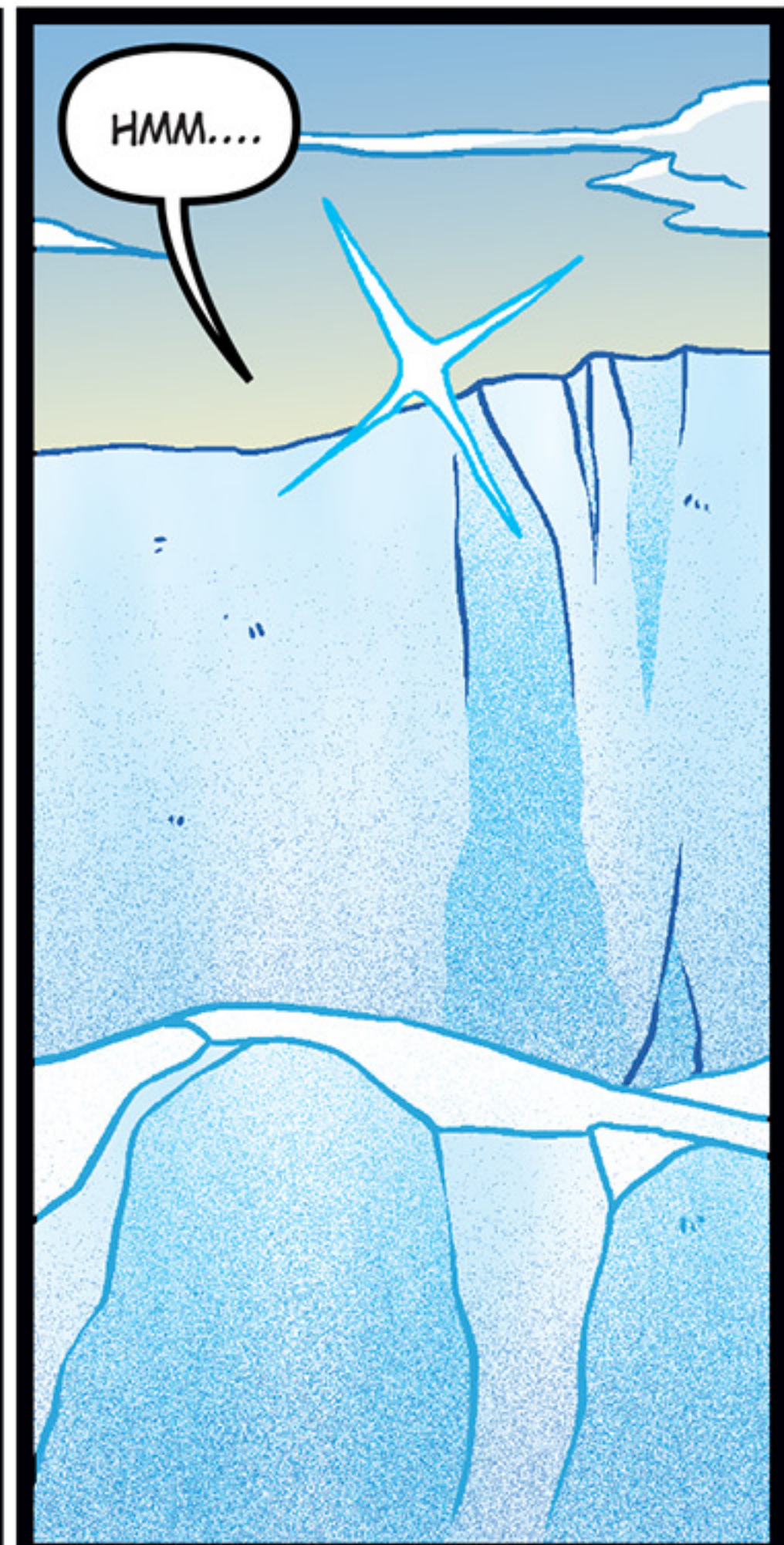
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL HAVE TO PROCEED ON FOOT IN THIS AREA: IT'S FULL OF CREVASSES WE RUN THE RISK OF FALLING INTO.



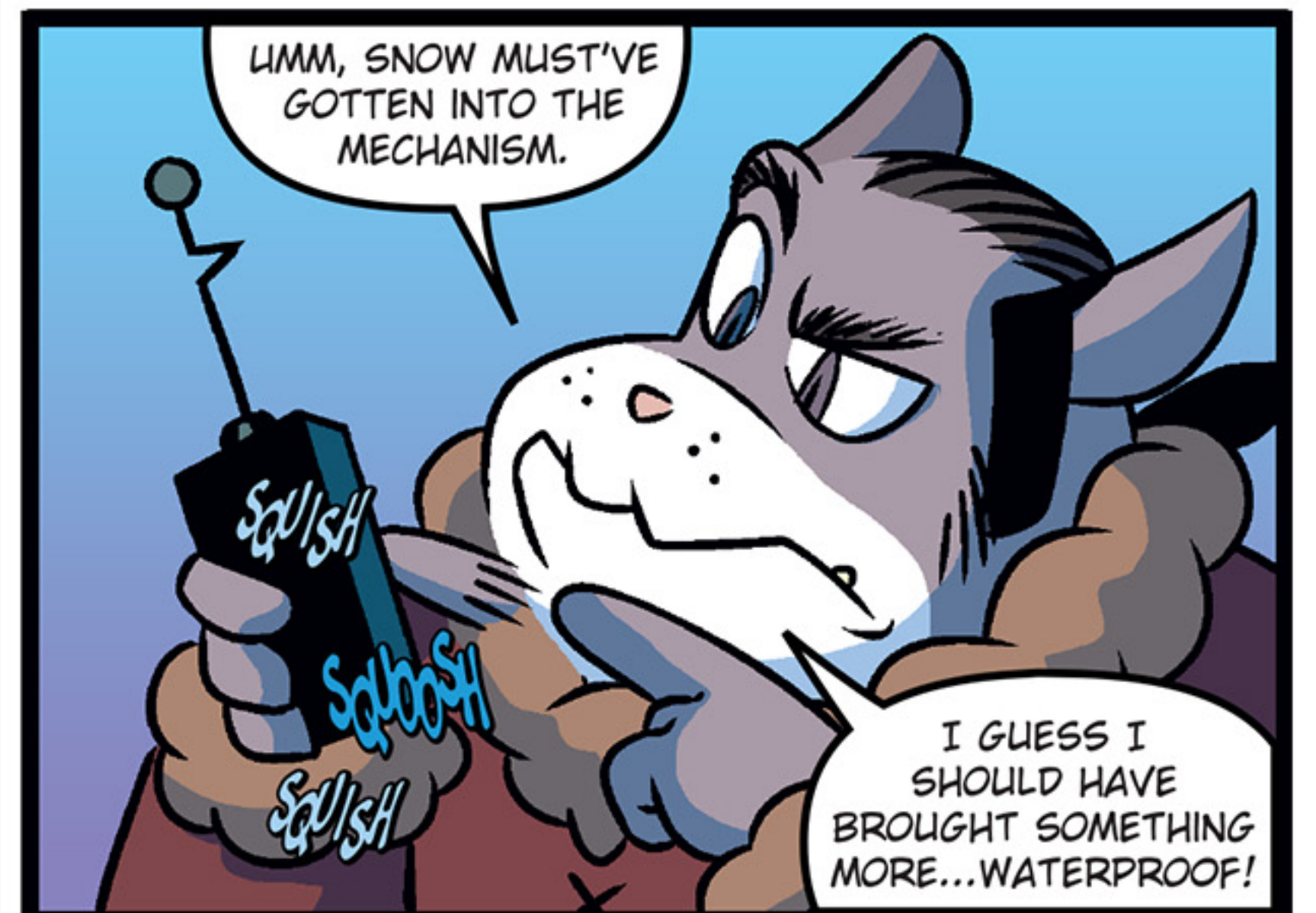
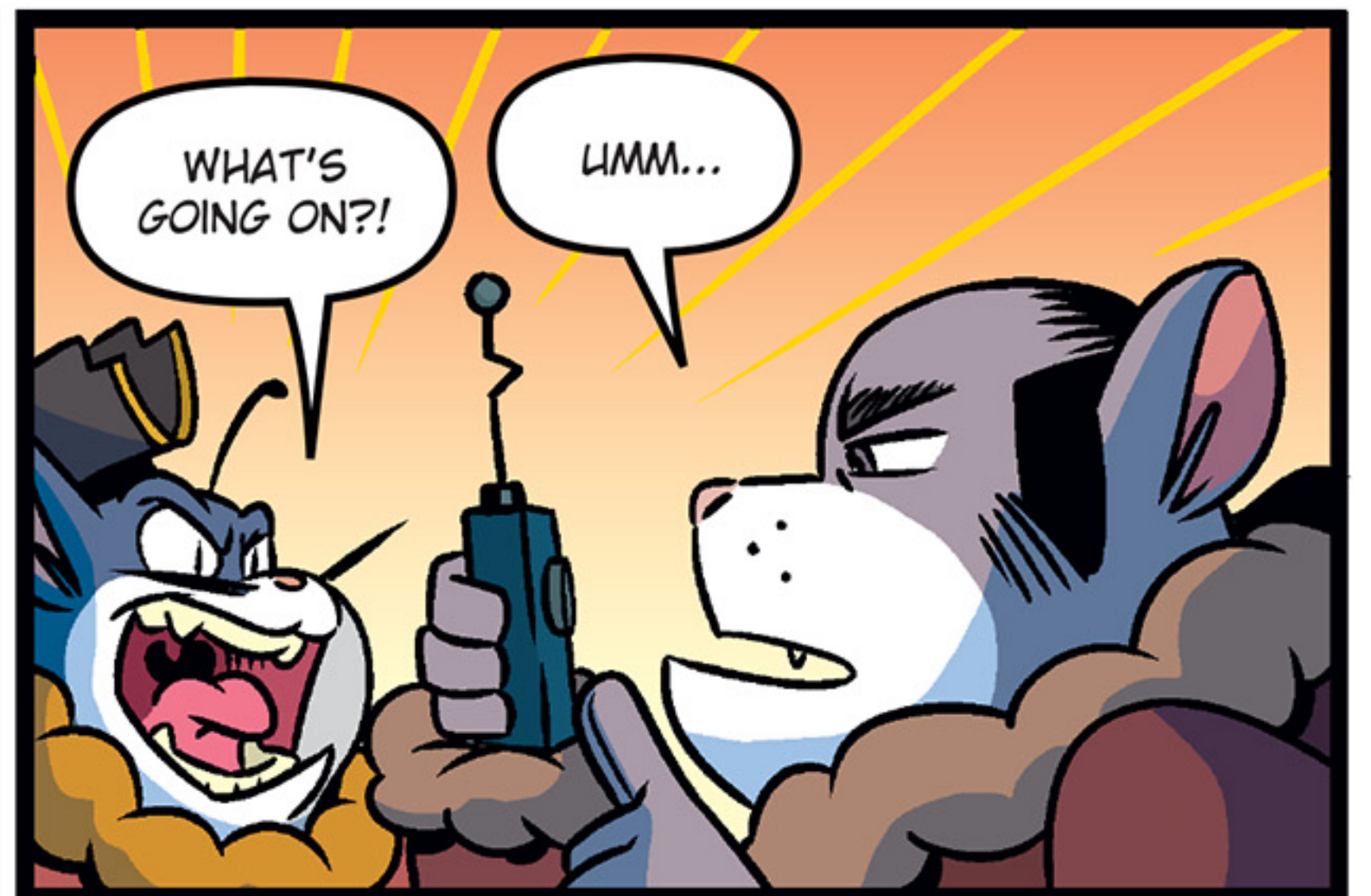
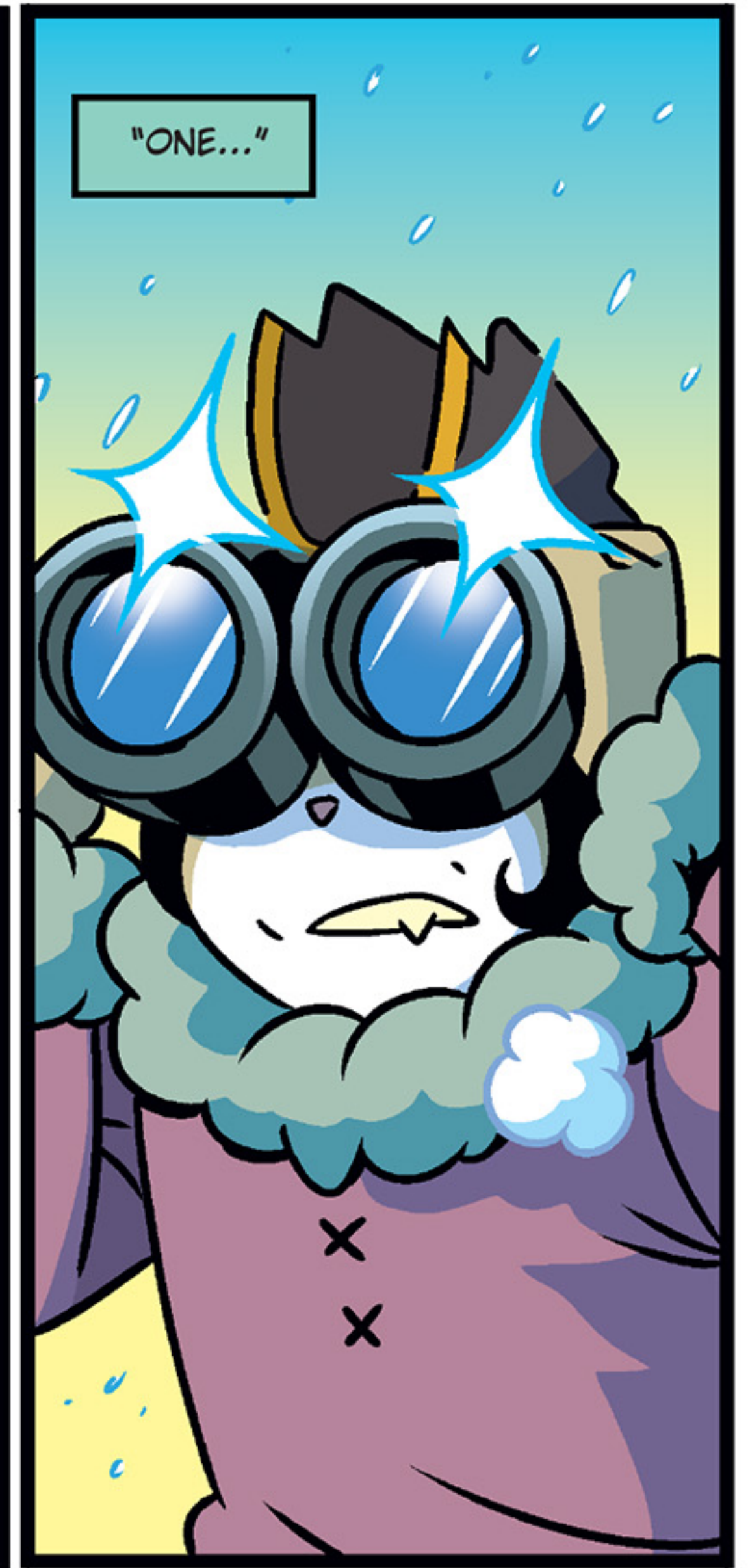
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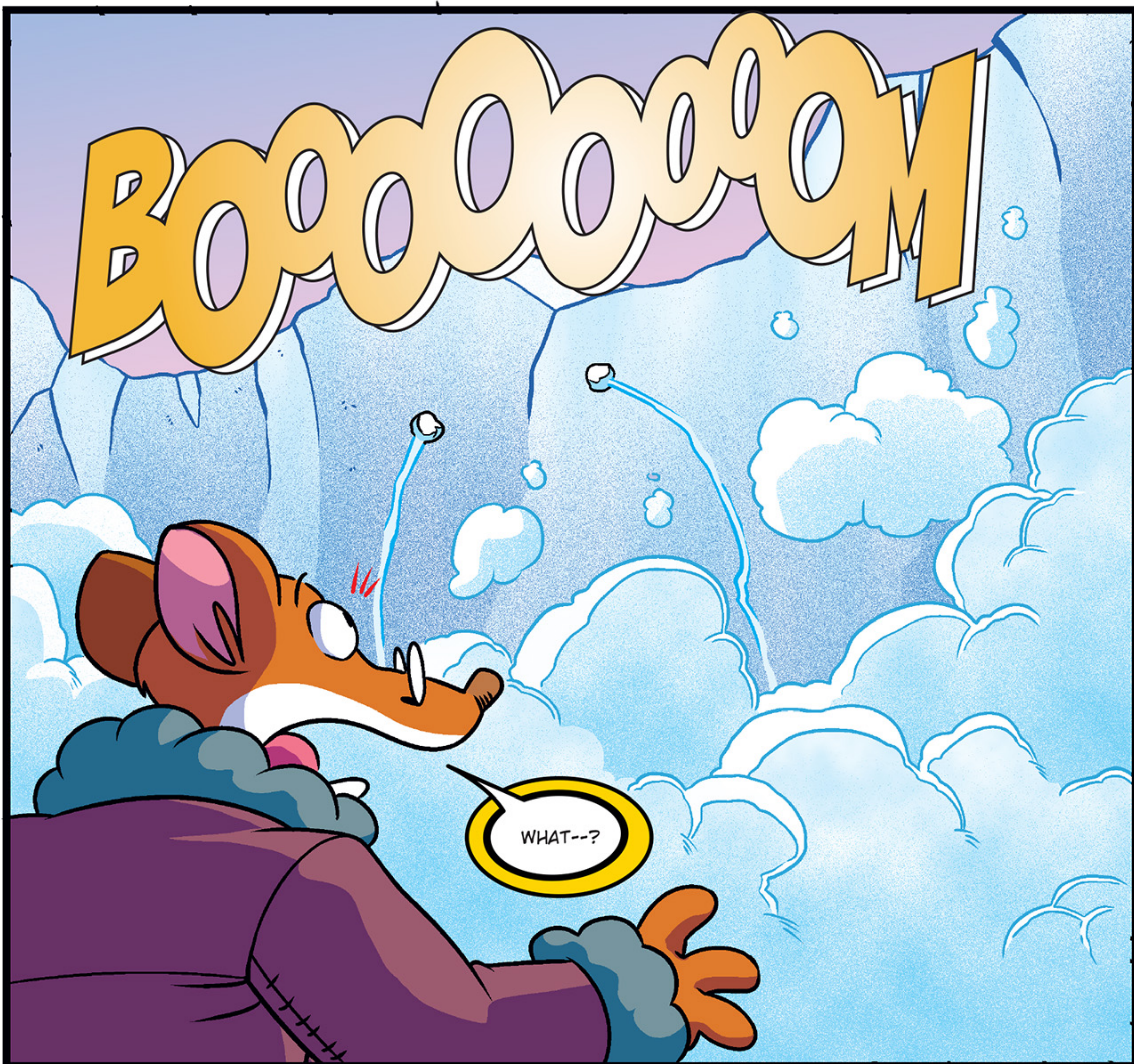


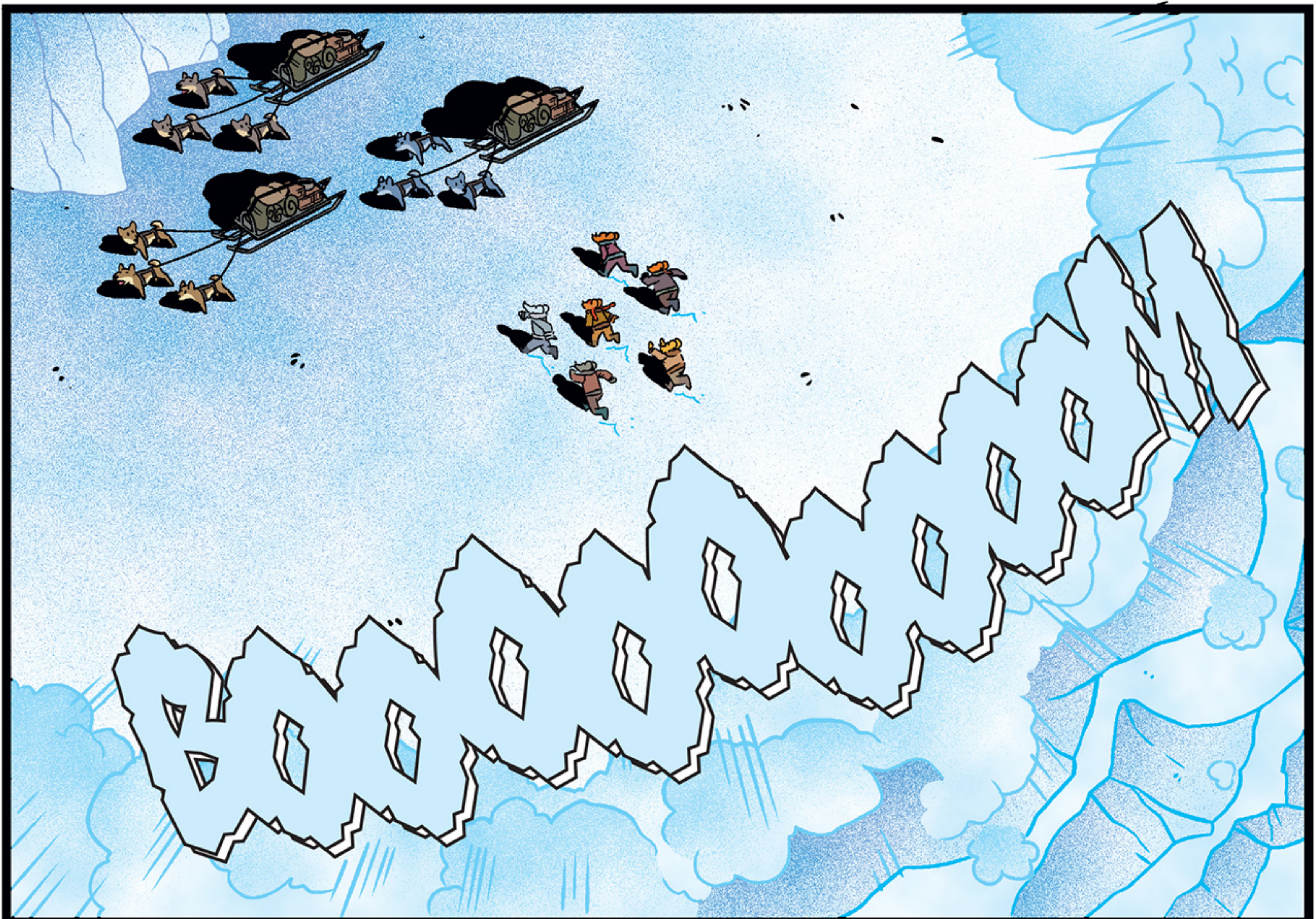
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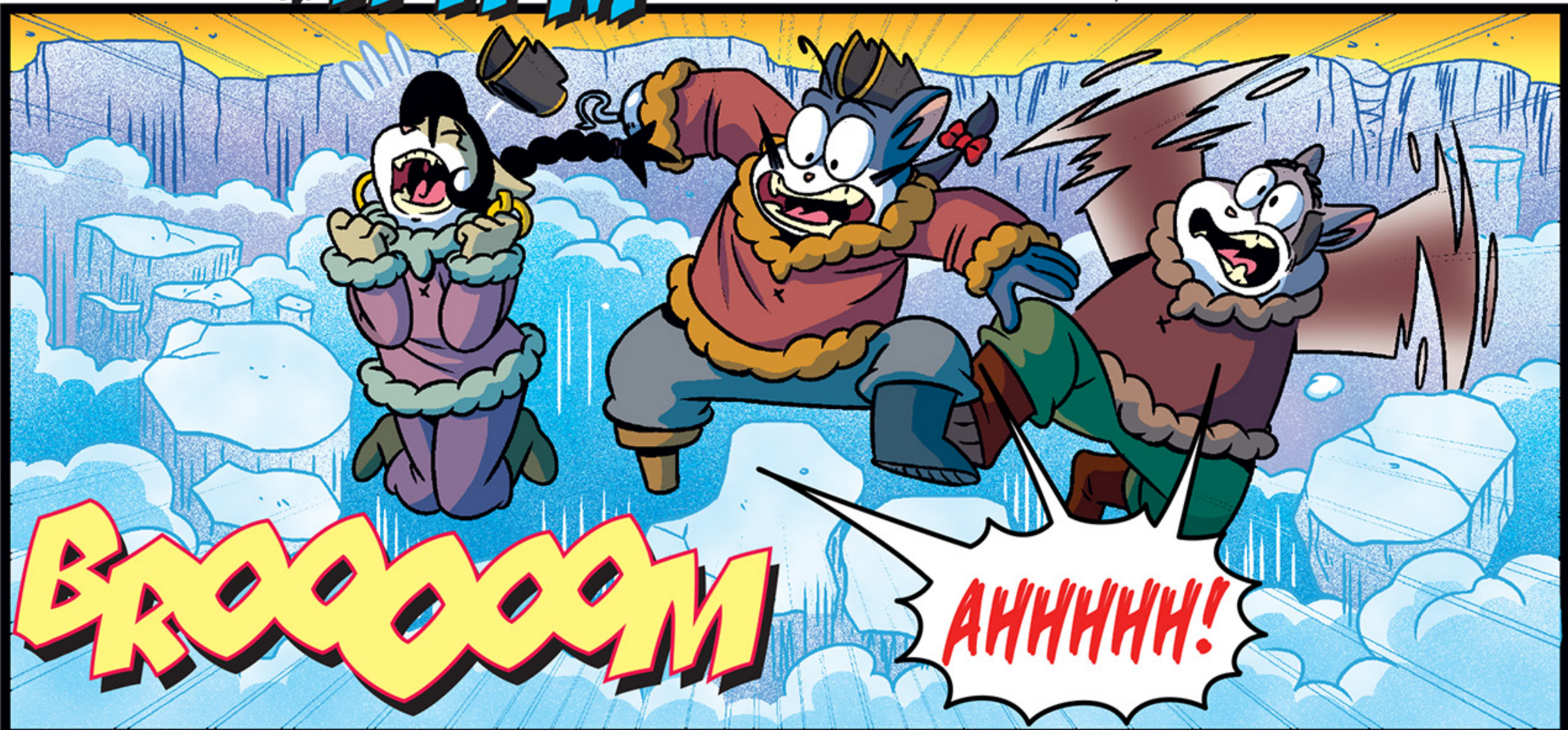
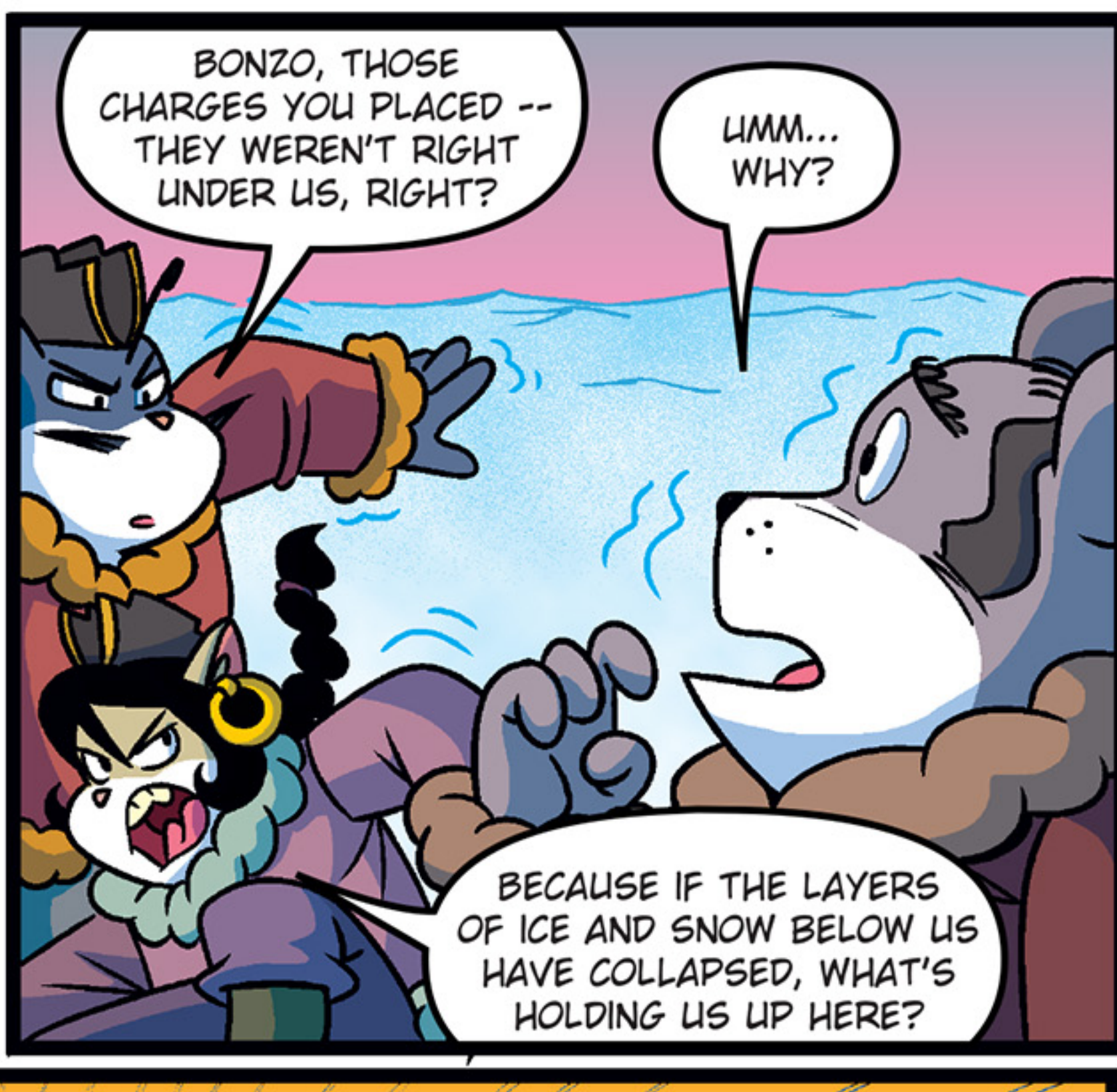


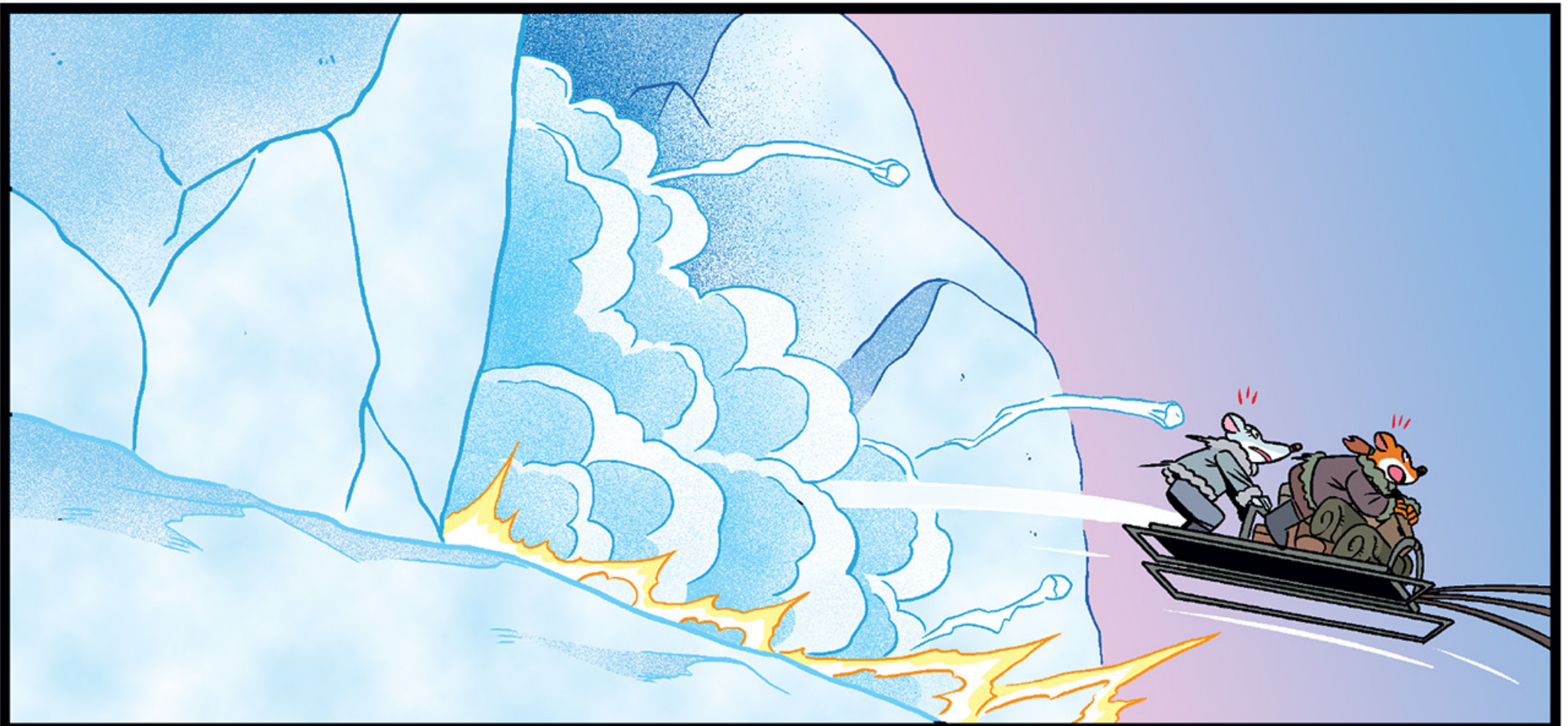


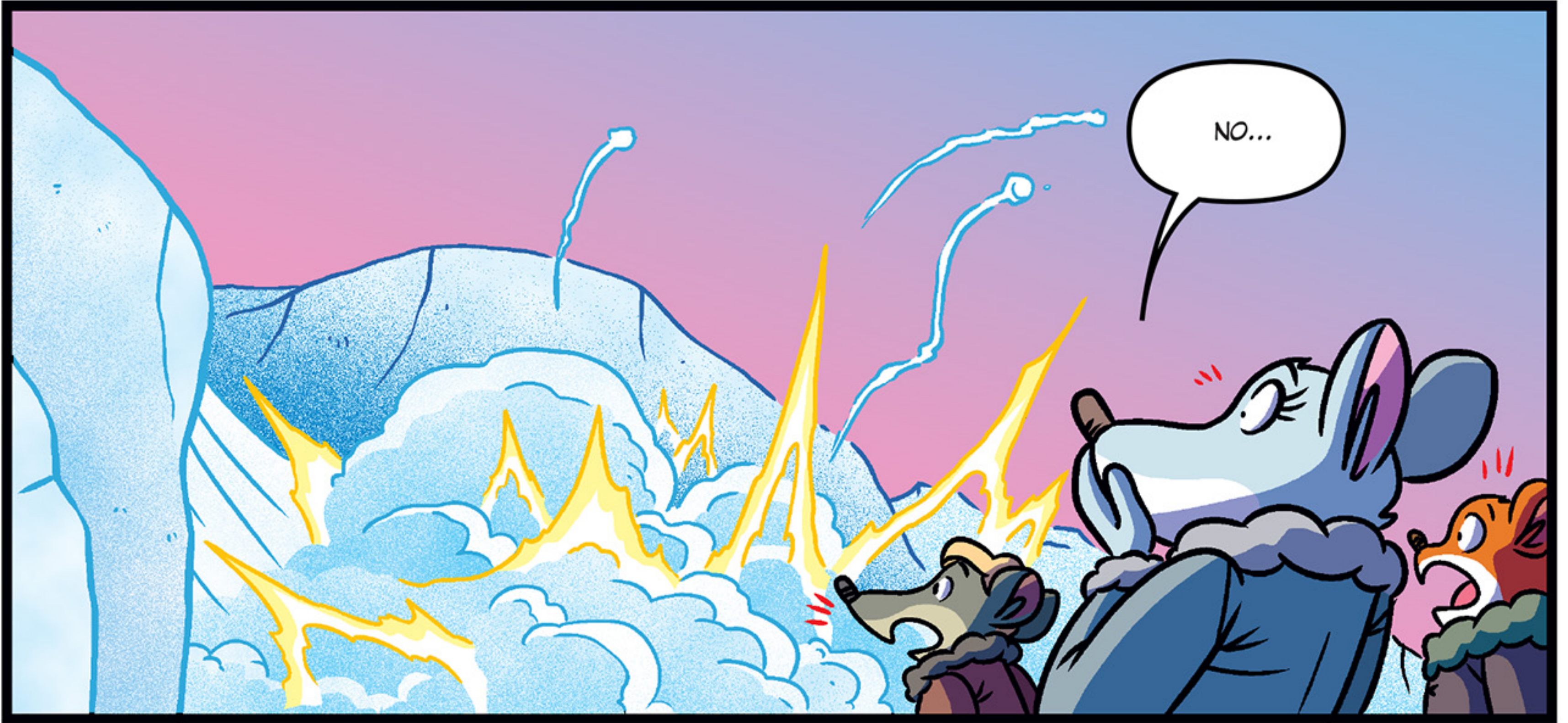


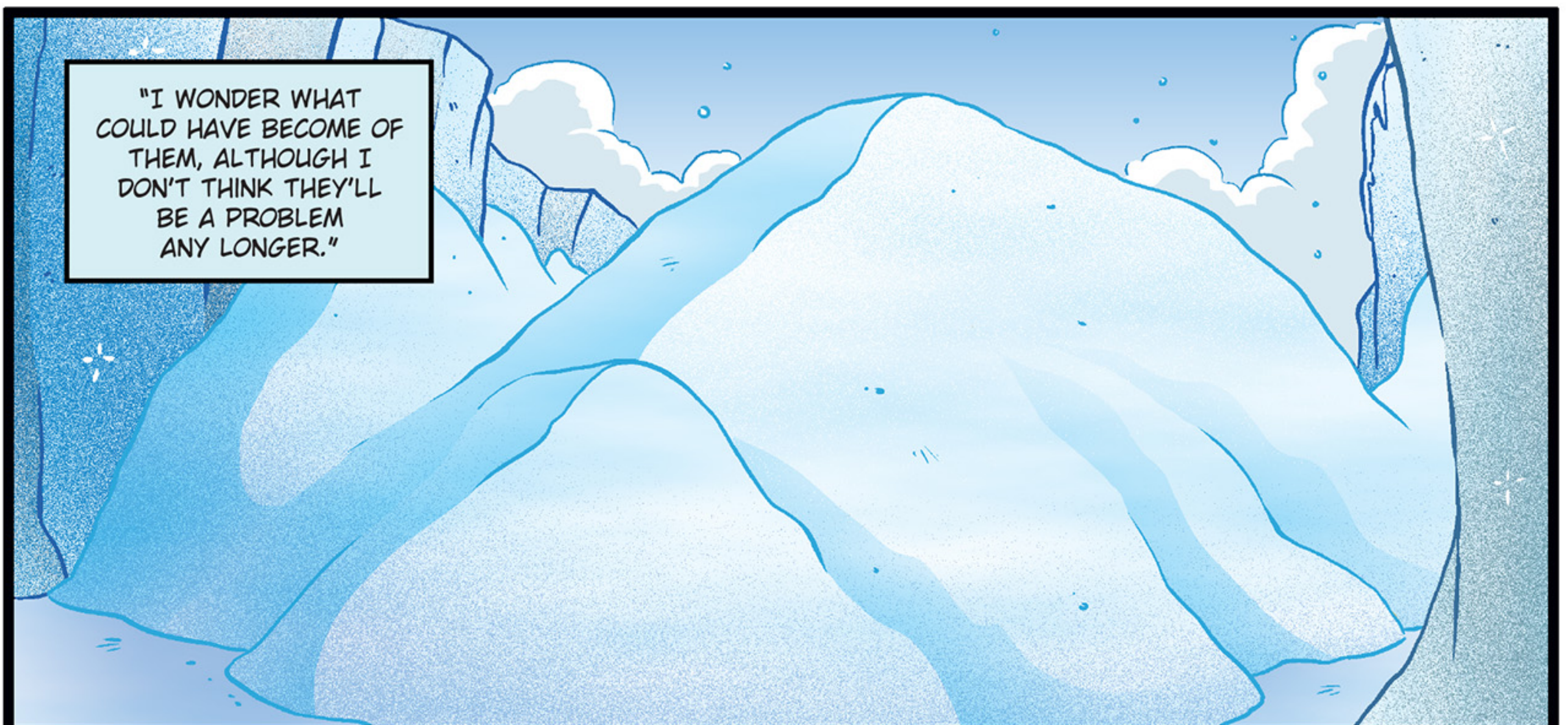
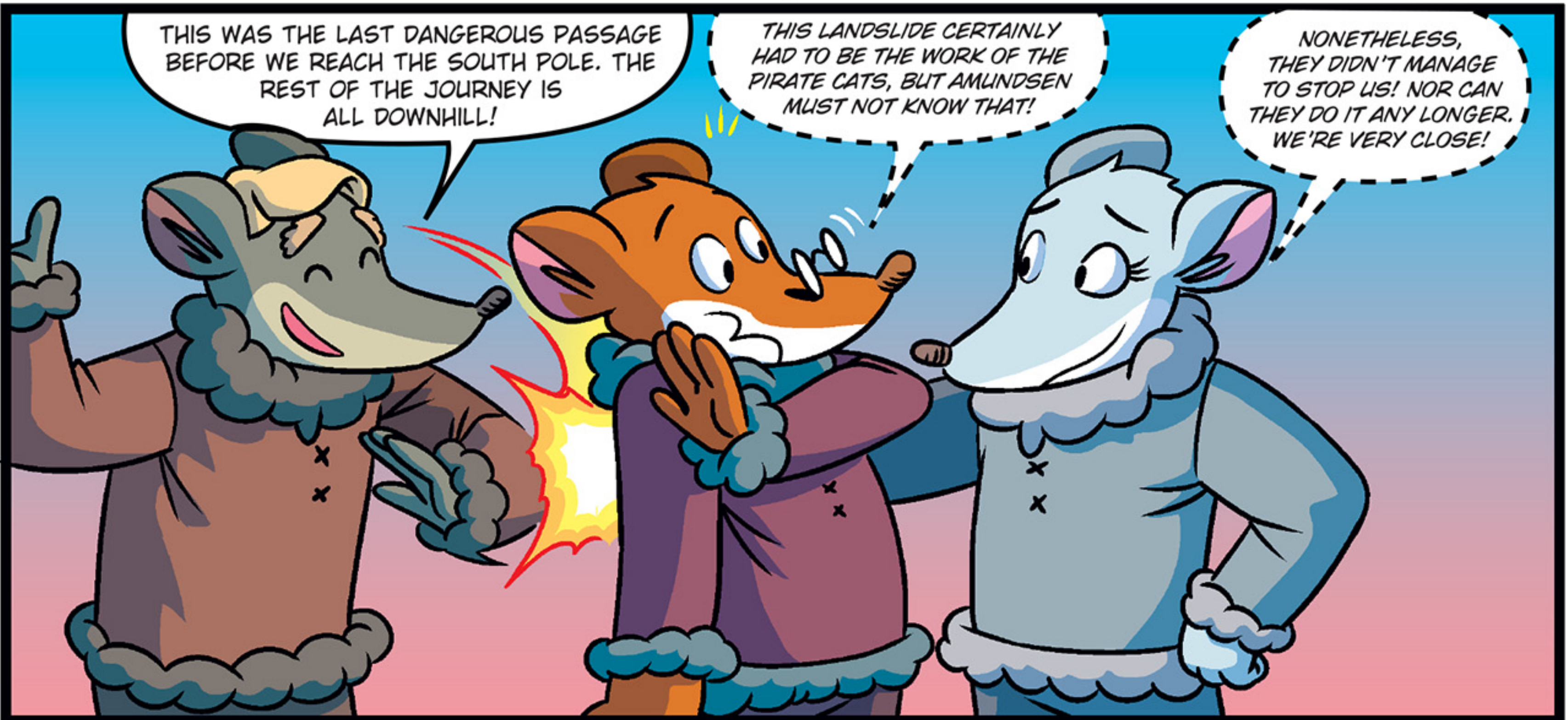
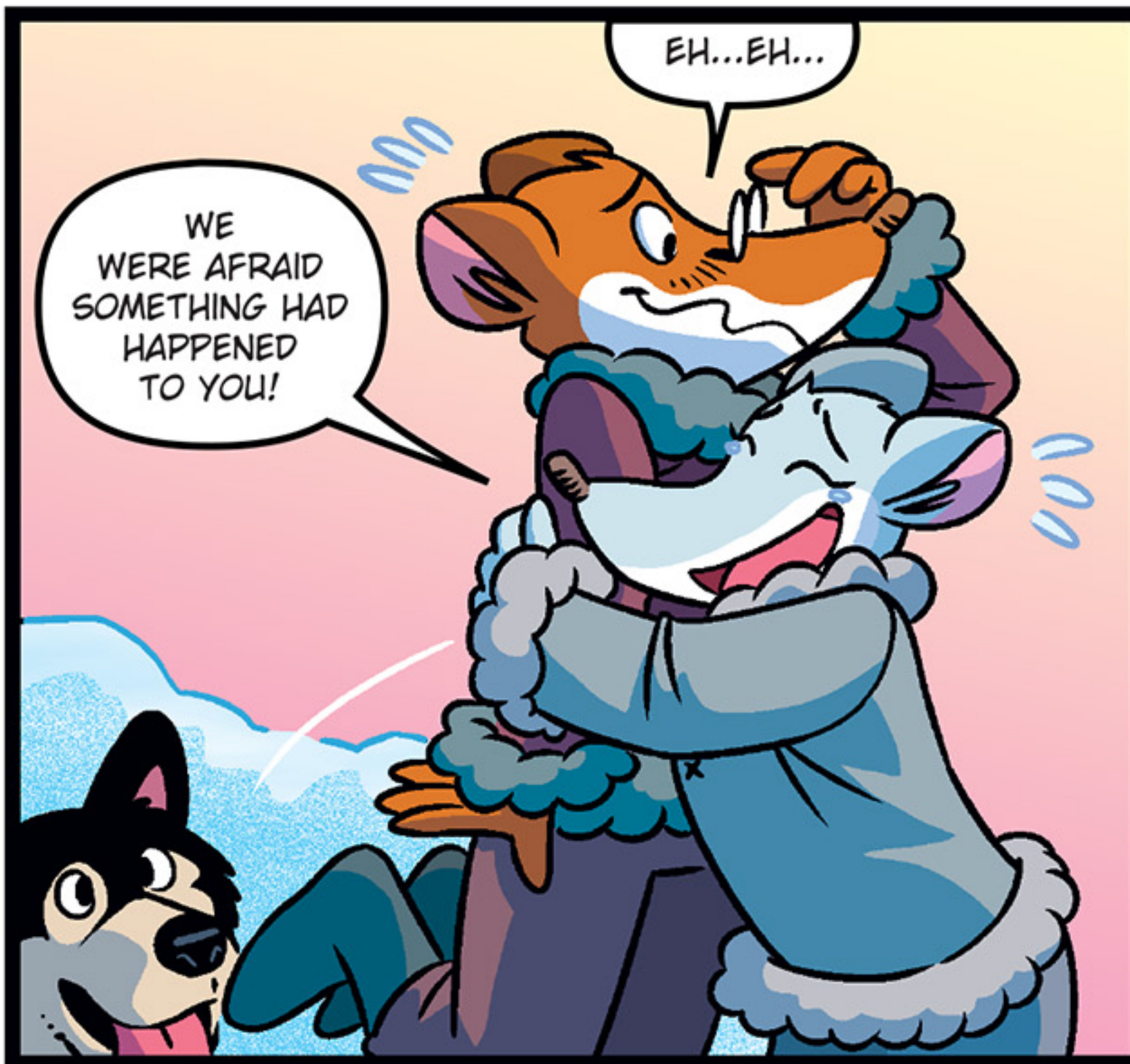


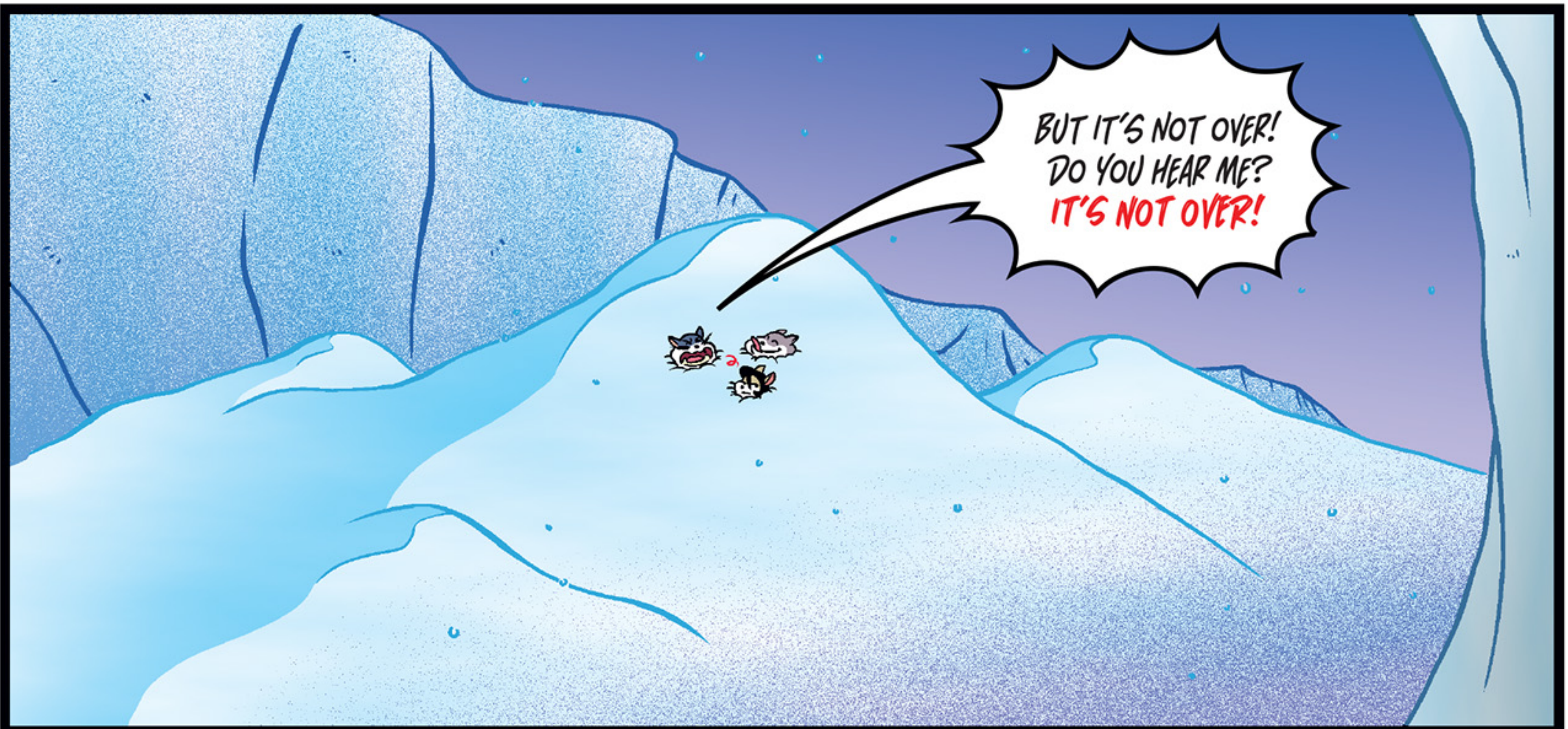
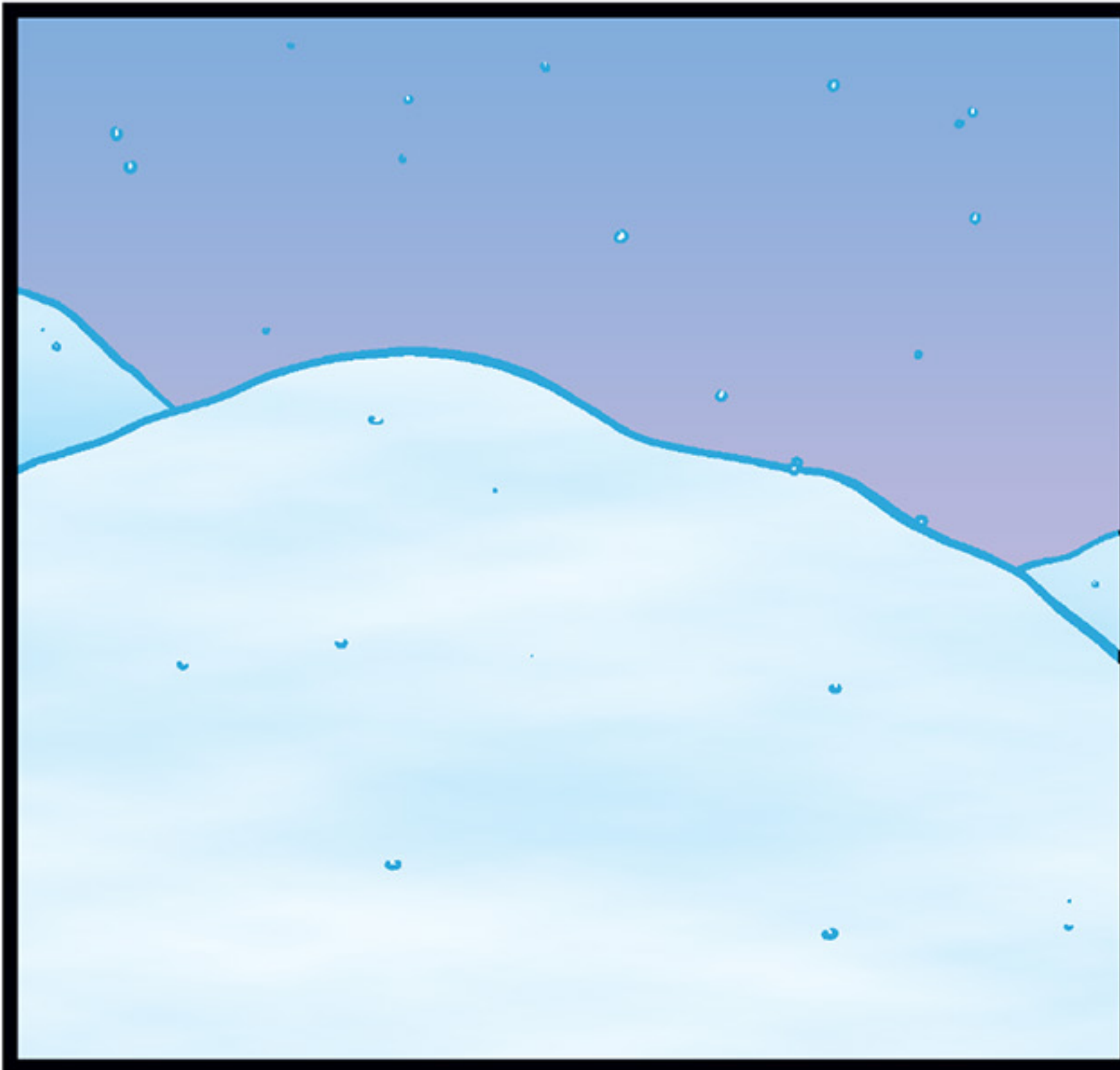












DECEMBER 14, 1911...

IT'S A BIG DAY! WE'VE REACHED ONE OF THE MOST INACCESSIBLE PLACES IN THE WORLD!



WE'LL LEAVE THIS TENT. THAT WAY WHOEVER COMES AFTER US WILL KNOW WE WERE THE FIRST!

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

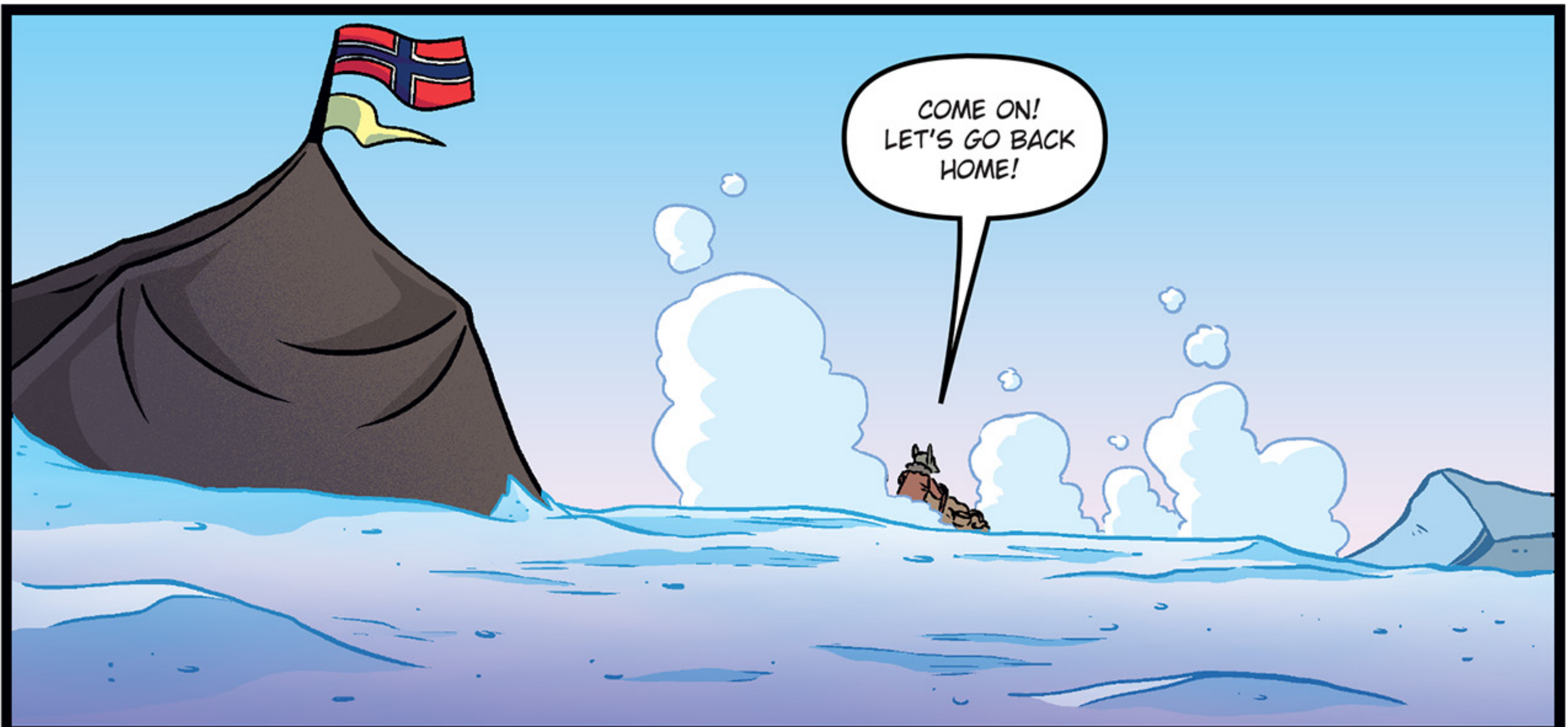


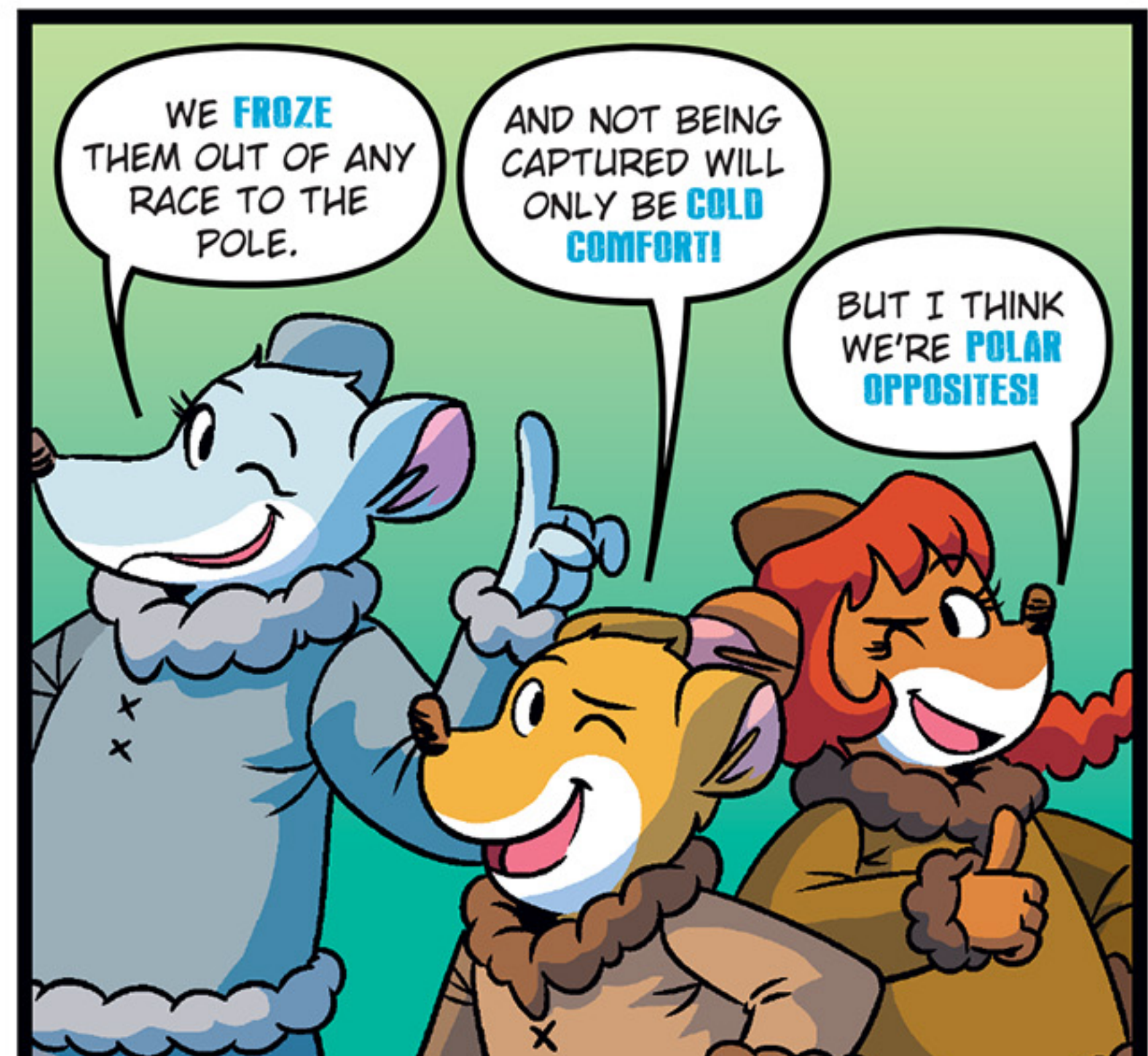
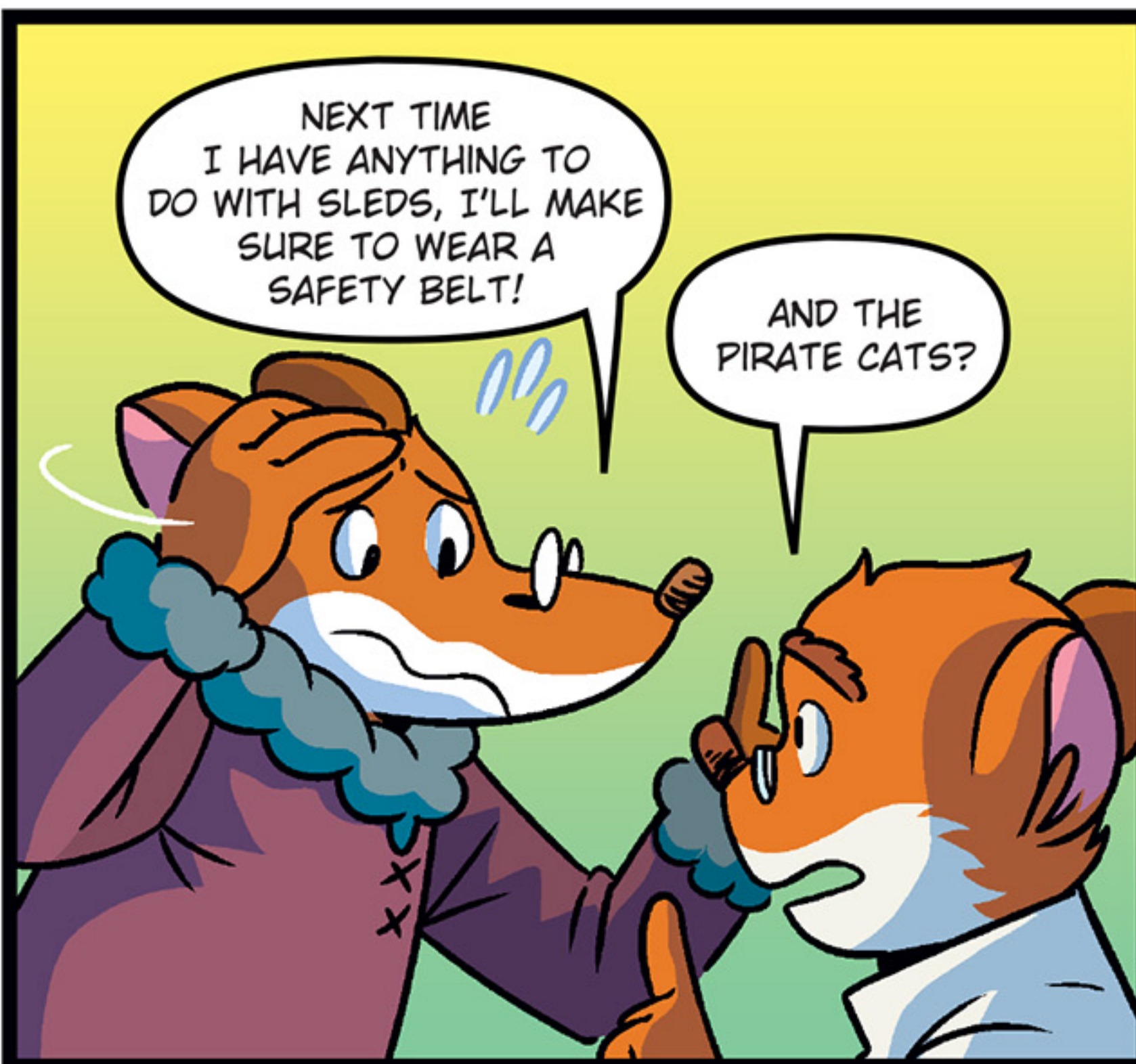
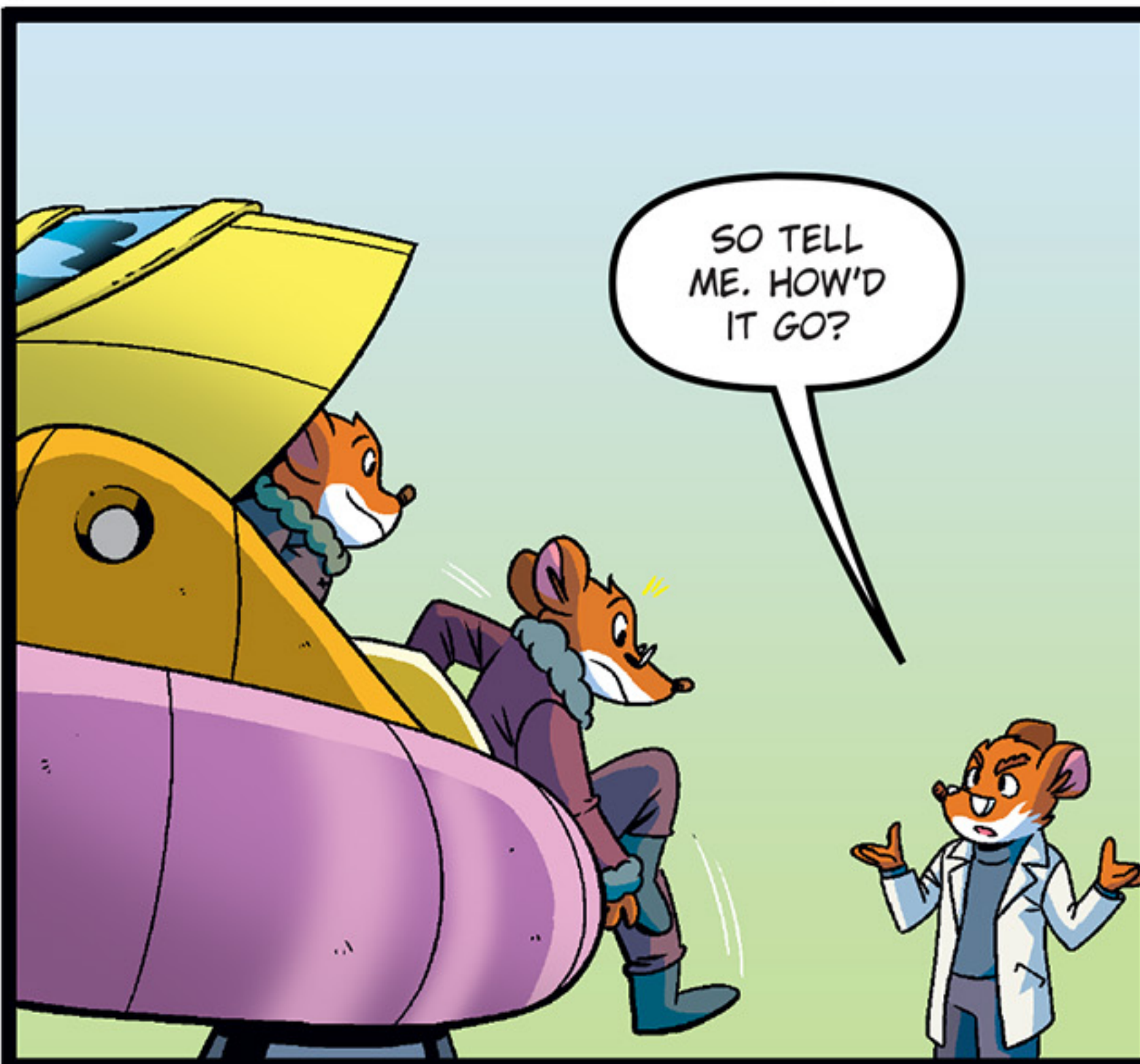
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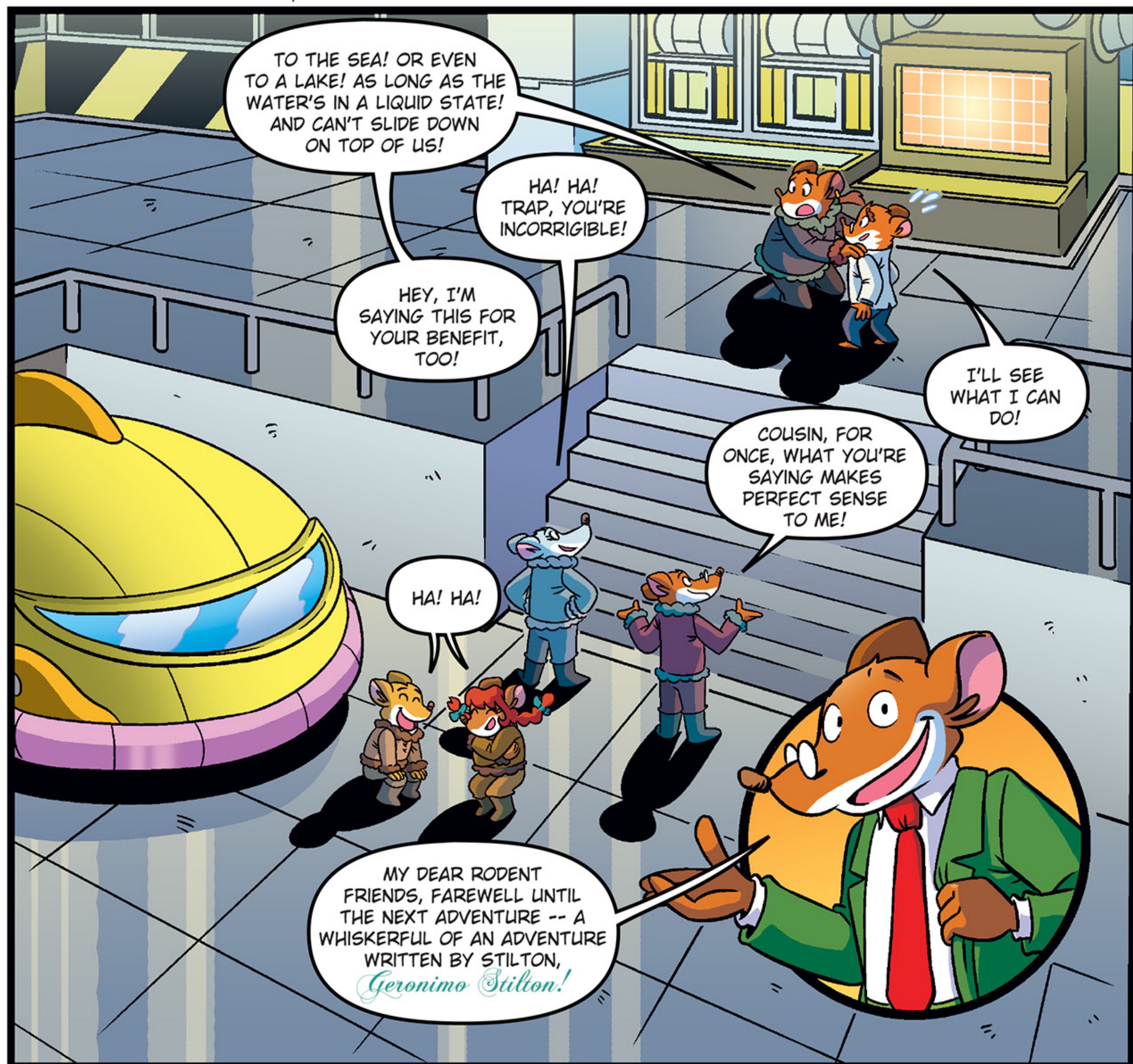
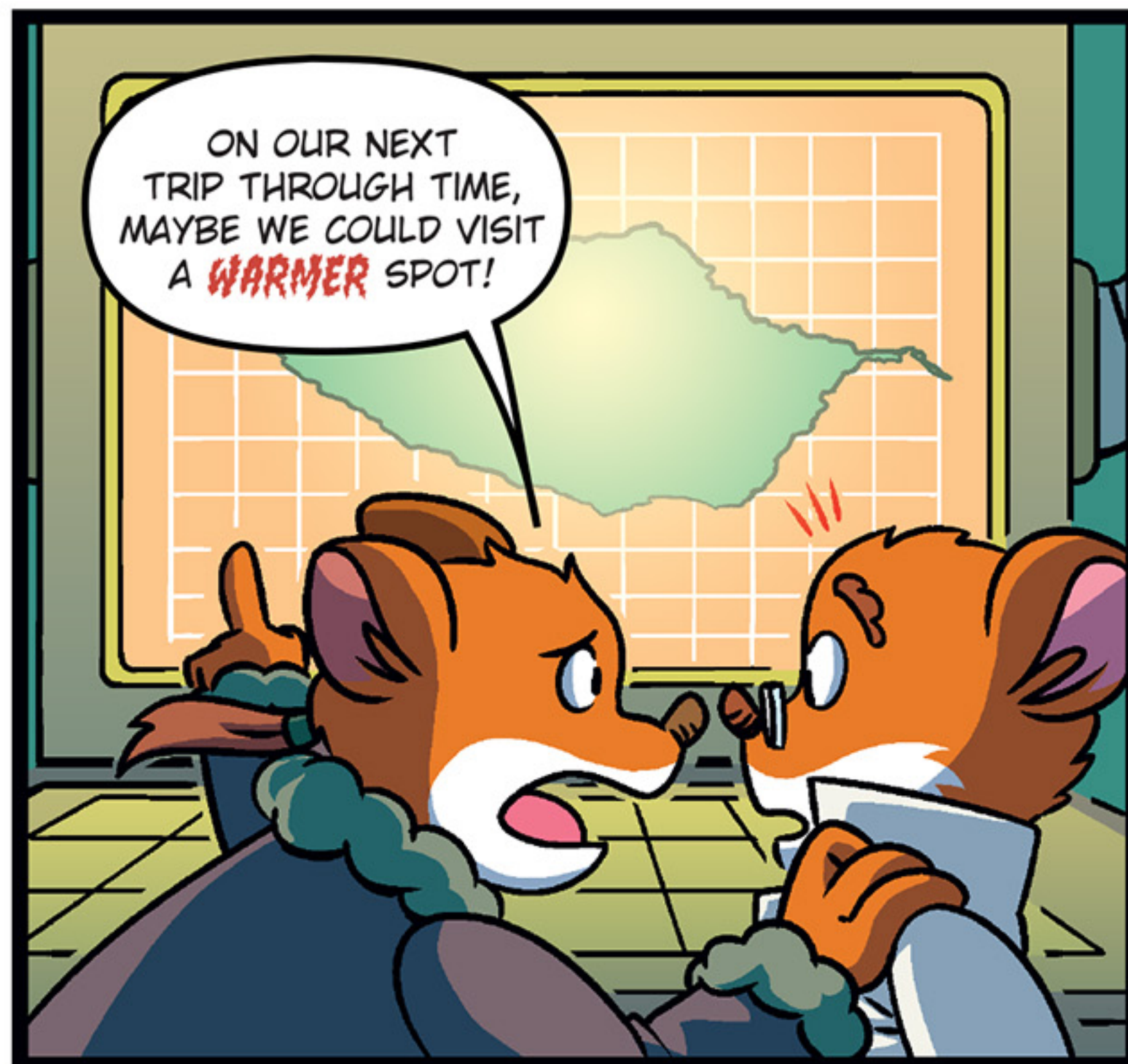
YES, BUT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE CLAIMED THE SOUTH POLE FOR OURSELVES!



COME ON! LET'S GO BACK HOME!







Watch Out For PAPERCUTZ™



Welcome to the extra-exciting, exploration-filled, eighteenth GERONIMO STILTON graphic novel. Written by the Italian dynamic duo of Leonardo Favia and Francesco Savino, and illustrated by homeboy Ryan Jampole, all from Papercutz, those furry folks dedicated to publishing great graphic novels for all ages. I'm Salicrup, *Jim Salicrup*, the Editor-in-Chief and GPS-challenged explorer of life.

If you've visited geronimostilton.com recently, you may have seen that there's a section devoted to *The Philosophy of Geronimo Stilton*. We liked what we saw so much that we'd like to share a little bit of it right here, starting with...

GERONIMO STILTON AND HIS MOTIVATIONS

The weaknesses of Geronimo Stilton make him even more likeable; you feel sorry for him, you laugh with him and you celebrate with him at the end, because all his defeats become successes. With his actions and his ability to laugh at himself, Geronimo Stilton conveys ever-present values: the importance of family, the capacity to overcome your fears, the acceptance of other people's faults, the importance of education, consistency, approachability, open mindedness towards other cultures, curiosity about what you don't know, the knowledge that teamwork is more successful than acting as an individual, world peace, friendship, love, solidarity, honesty, loyalty, sincerity, and respect for the elderly and those with lesser abilities.

And that's just the beginning! There's a lot more and we invite you to go to geronimostilton.com to check it out for yourself. But let's just take another look at that first sentence, shall we? "The weaknesses of Geronimo Stilton make him even more likeable." That may sound a little strange to you at first, as don't we all try to avoid having any weaknesses? Yet, depending on what we decide to focus on in life, we can't all be great at everything, can we? We're constantly trying to be our very best, but just to do well at a few things usually means not doing all sorts of other things. For example, Geronimo is a great editor, but as he tells Trap, "the paper had assigned me to report on the big game, but it wasn't one of the easiest jobs for me, given that I'm not a very sporty man, or rather, mouse." Geronimo's aware of his limitations, but he doesn't let that stop him from doing his job. (Let's assume that after Geronimo and his fellow travelers returned to Professor von Volt's lab, he then raced back to the football stadium to continue reporting on the Cheese Bowl!)

Weaknesses are nothing to be ashamed about. We all have our own individual strengths and weaknesses and it's up to us to

make the best of it. Look at how Geronimo freely admits that he doesn't know a lot about sports. That's a much better approach to take than being ashamed and pretending he's an expert on the subject. By being honest people, and mice, we can understand that he's trying his best to understand something that he's not very knowledgeable about. When you act this way, more often than not, people will try to help you, and explain everything to you. Sure, there will be those who might actually tease you, but how much harm can they do when you've already said that you don't know much about something? Look what happened to Geronimo—he revealed his weakness, and within minutes he scored a touchdown in the big game! Sure that sounds far-fetched, but as an editor myself, and not "a very sporty man," I've always found it better to give it my best shot, rather than run away and hide.

Years ago, I was invited to play volleyball with my co-workers. I had never played that game before, or much sports in general, but I agreed and did my best. And guess what? I was terrible! Just awful! I was the worst player on the team by far. But I kept playing, week after week, and while I never became a good player—I did get better. And after a few months, people would tell me that they were impressed with how much better I started to play. Well, I couldn't have gotten any worse! But just as Geronimo's weaknesses make him likeable, mine also helped people like me, and also respect me for my willingness to fail and keep on trying.

And if I can share a little bit of my philosophy, I think that's a big part of what life is about. Not being afraid to fail, and always trying your best. You may not always succeed, but you will learn a lot, and people will like and respect you.

Gee, and all that was just based on the first sentence of *The Philosophy of Geronimo Stilton*!

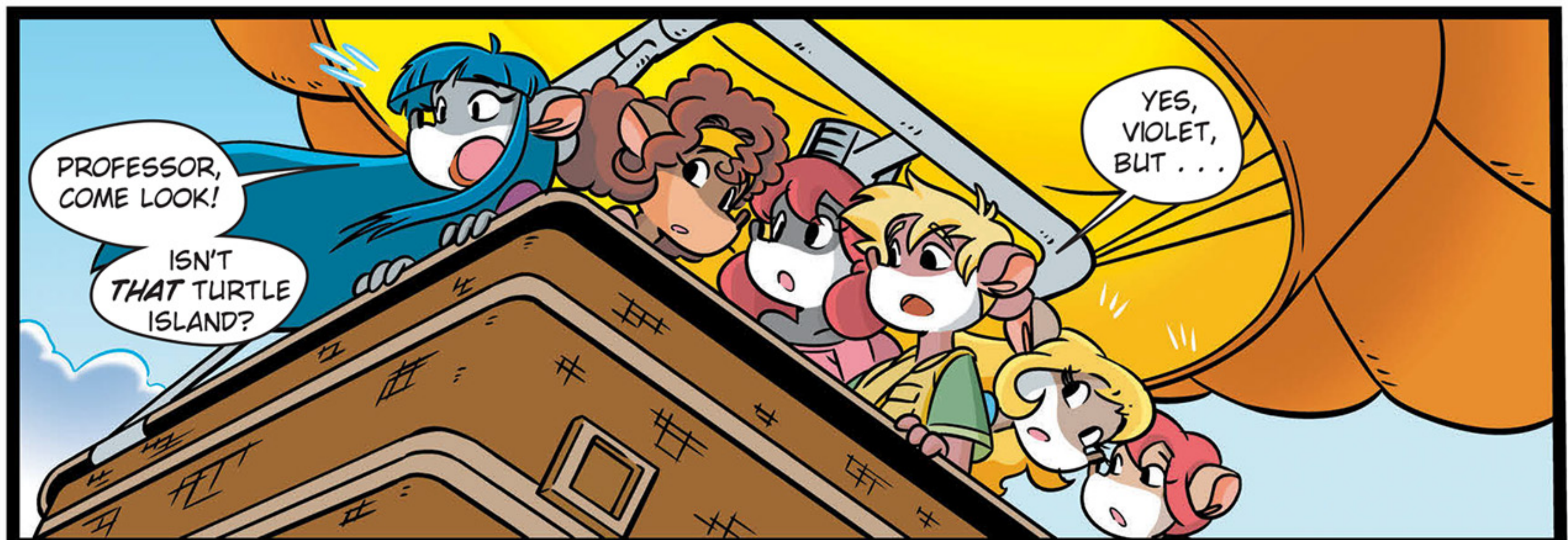
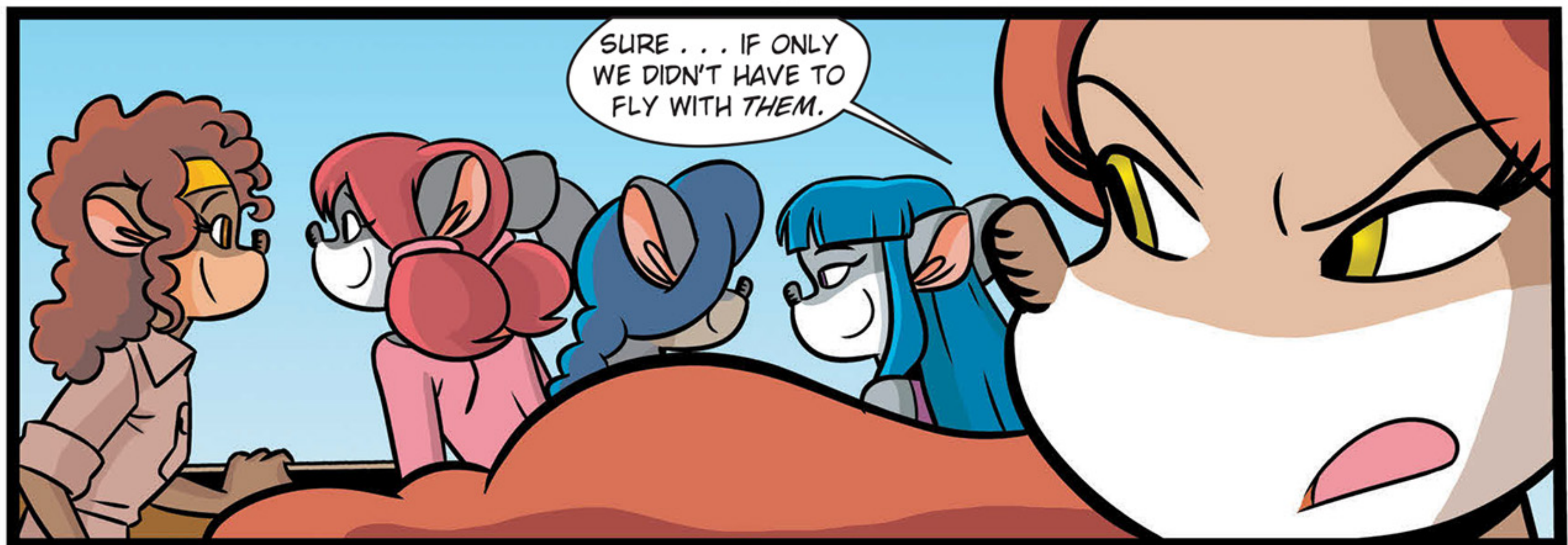
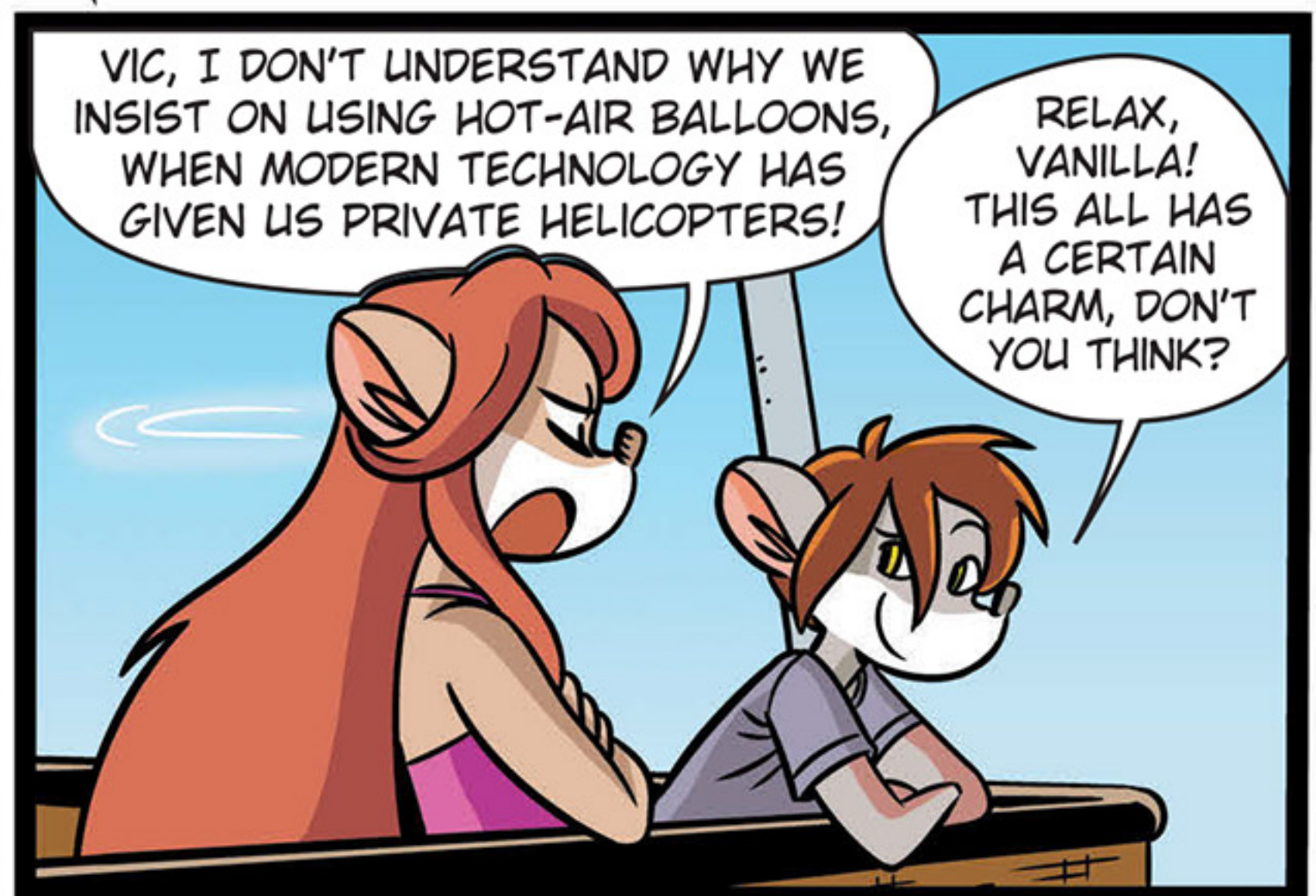
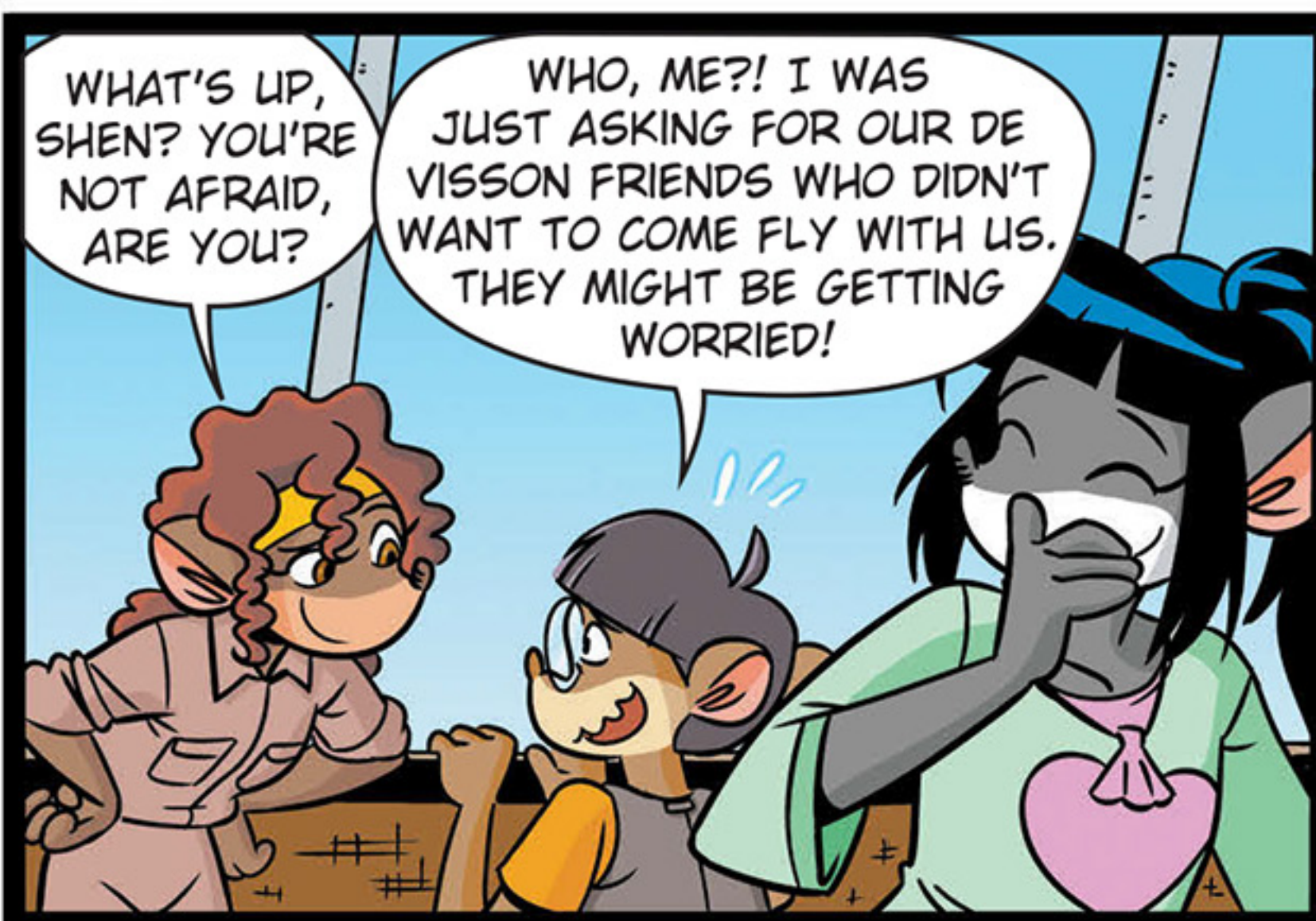
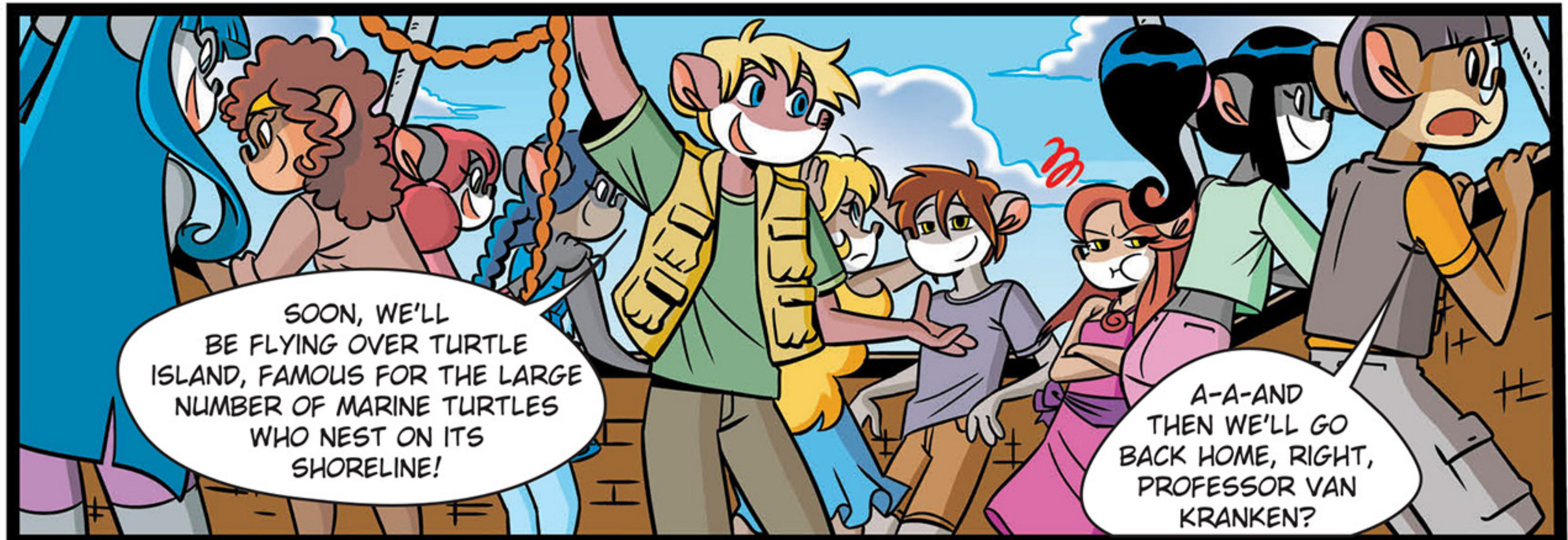
On the following pages, enjoy a special preview of THEA STILTON #6 "The Thea Sisters and the Mystery at Sea." It's available at booksellers now, and it sure looks like the Thea Sisters also embrace Geronimo's philosophy as they once again work together to help the environment.

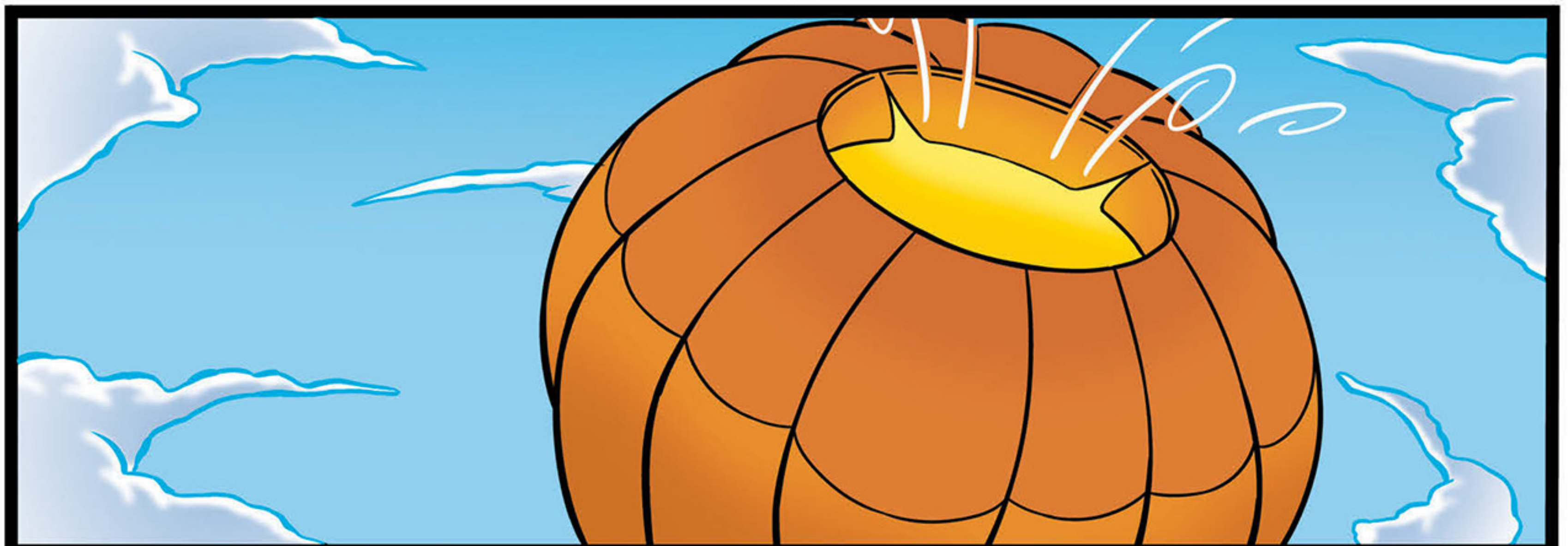
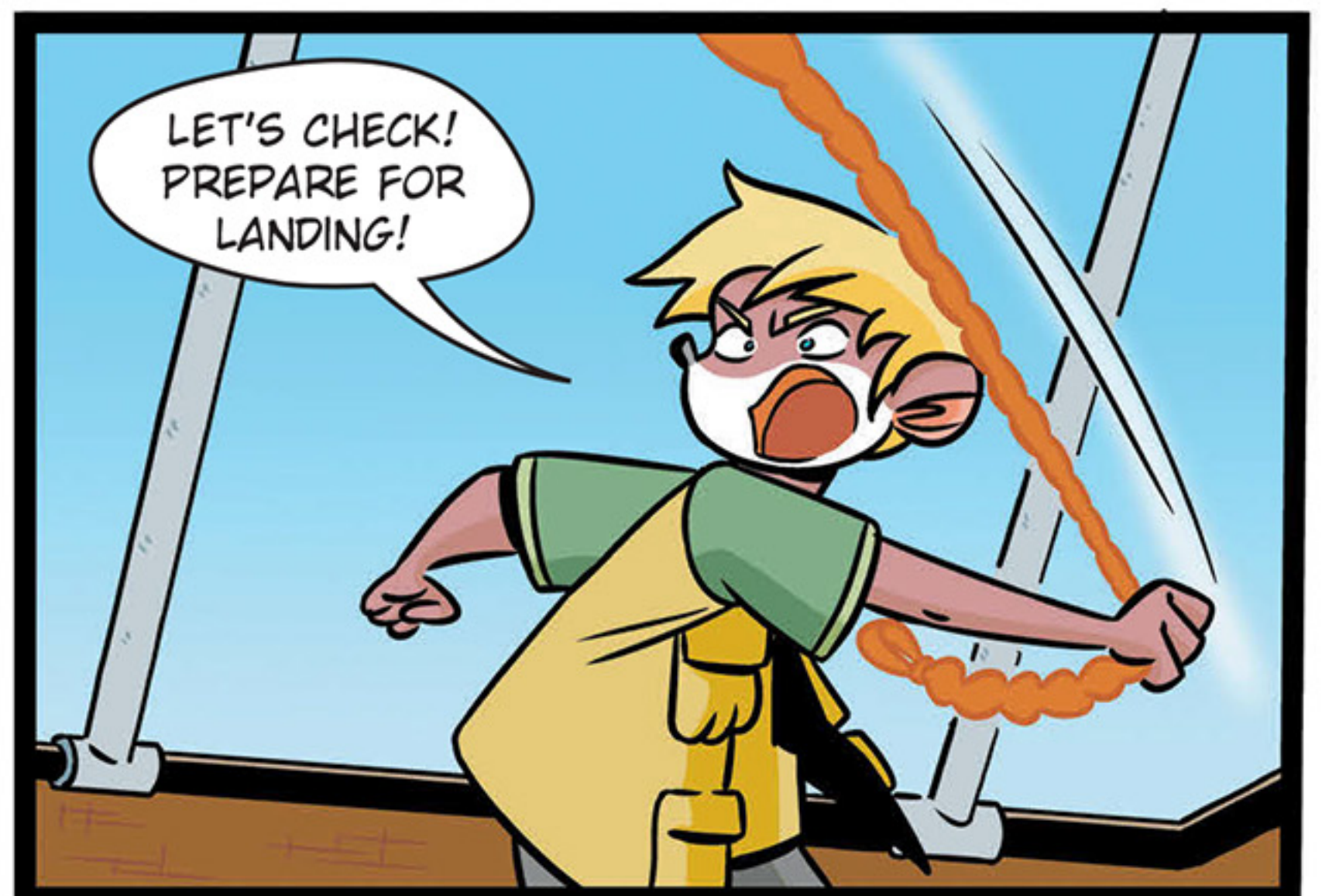
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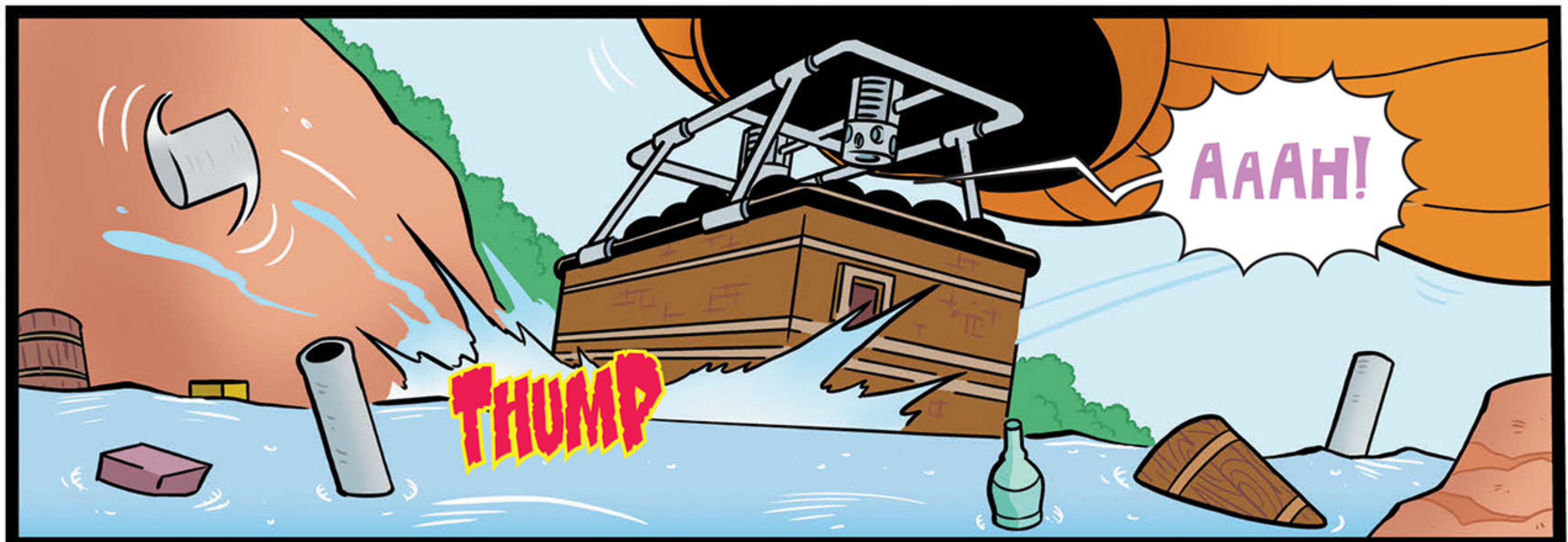
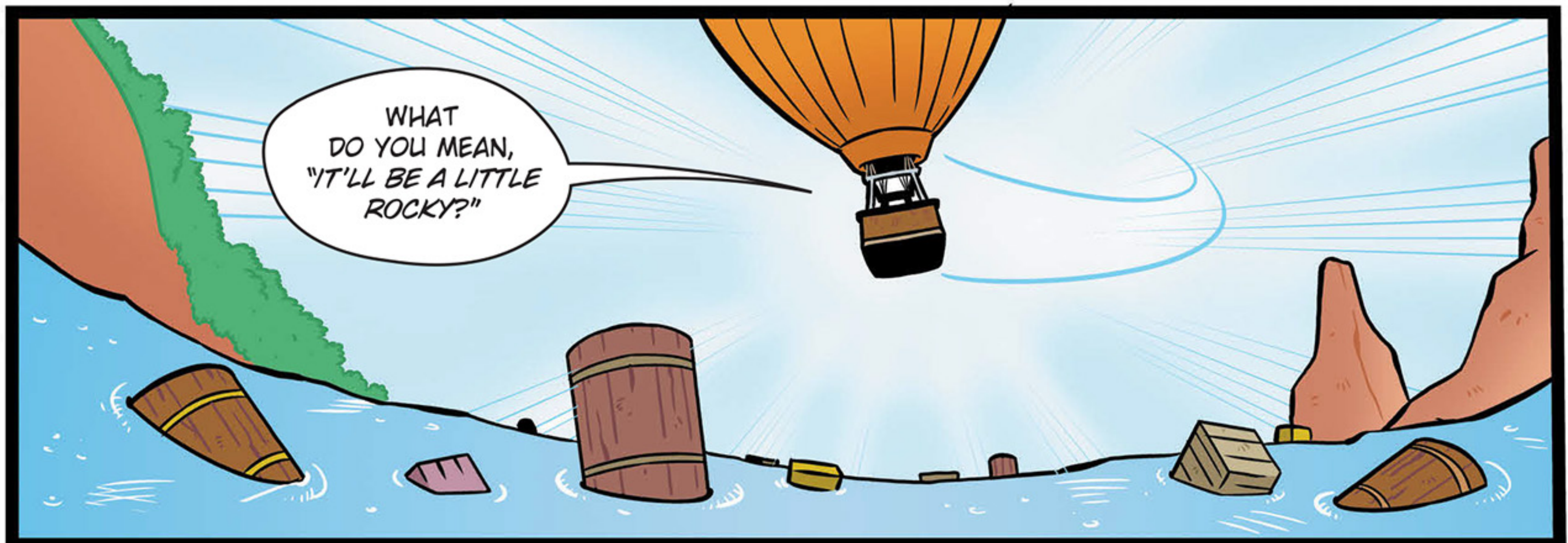
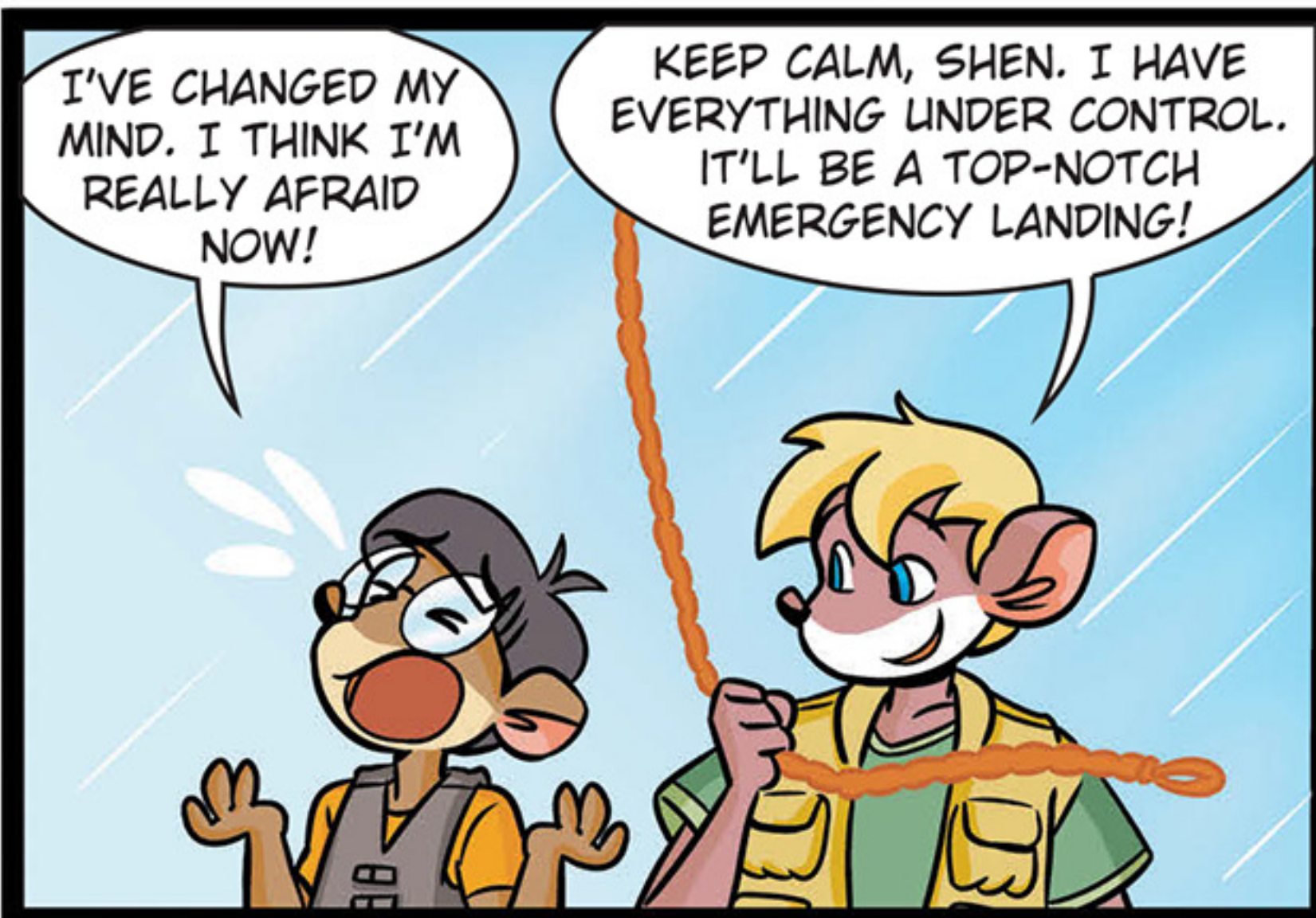
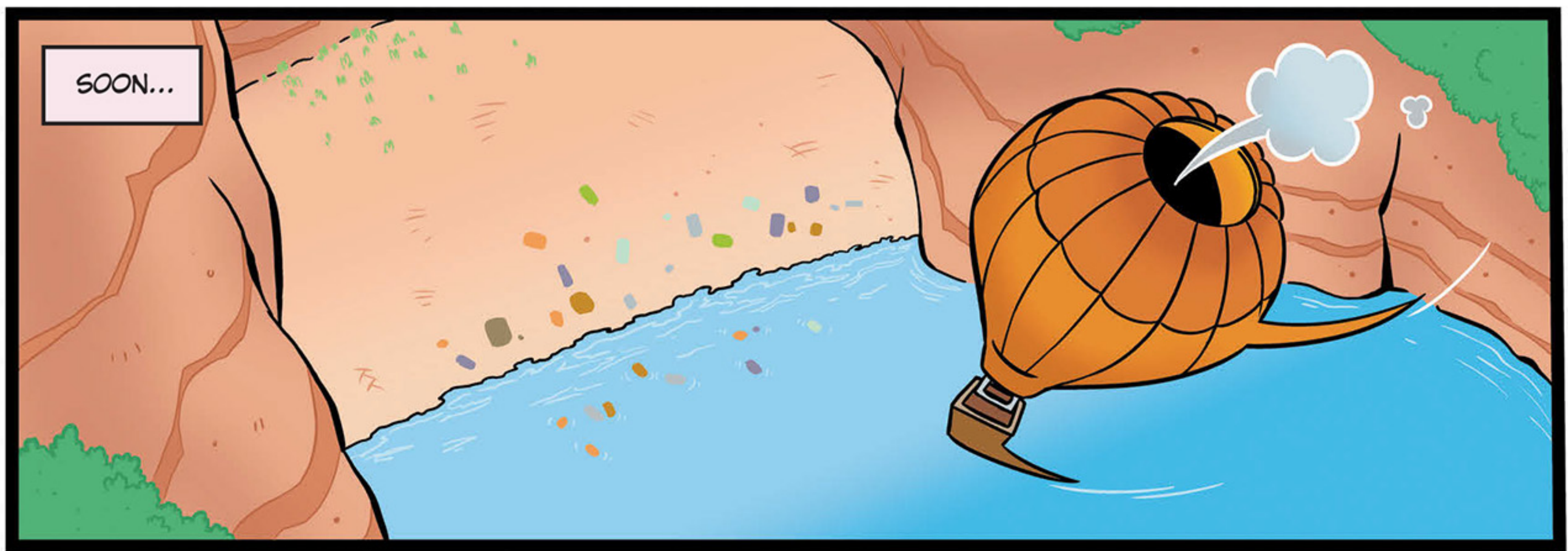
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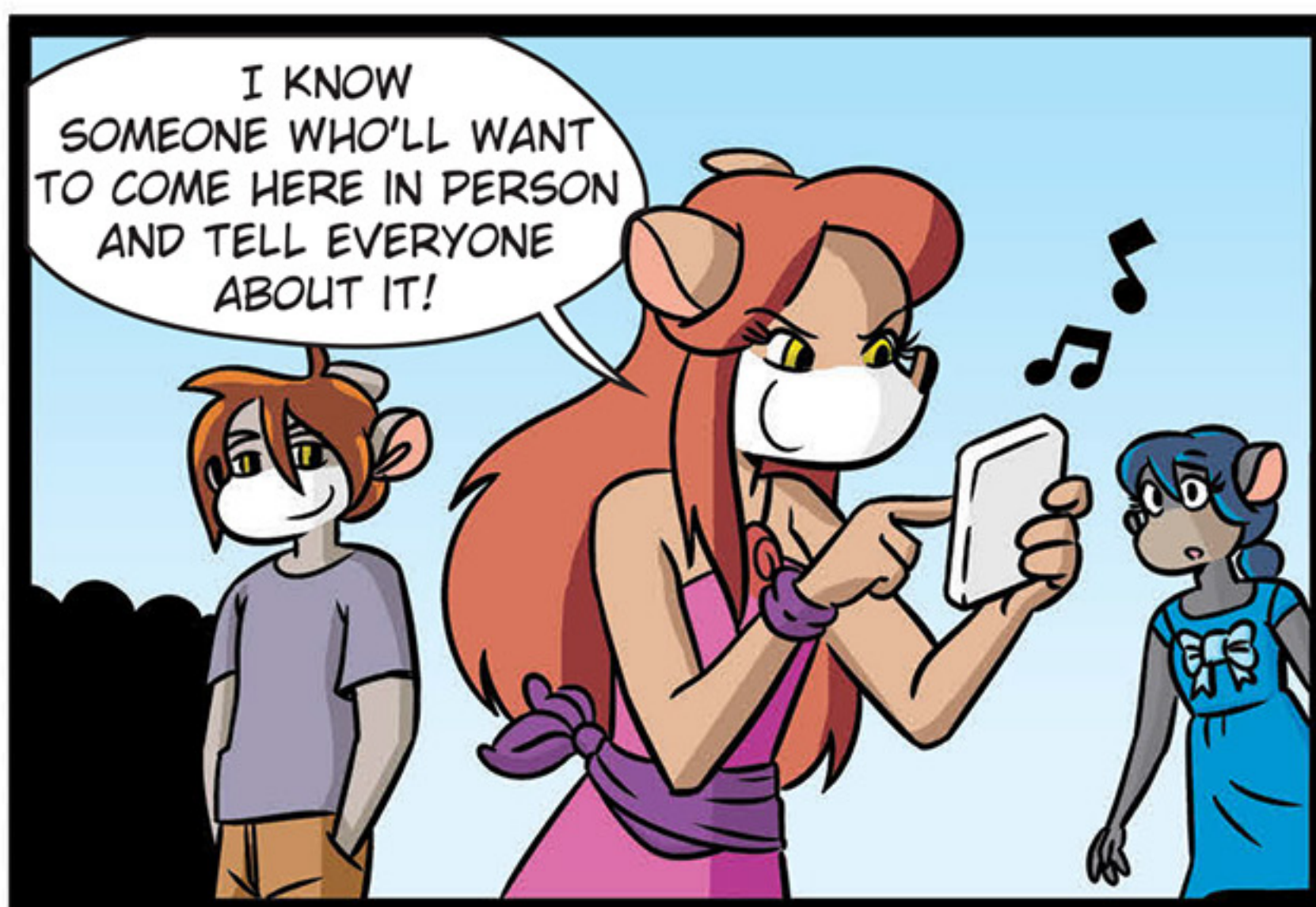
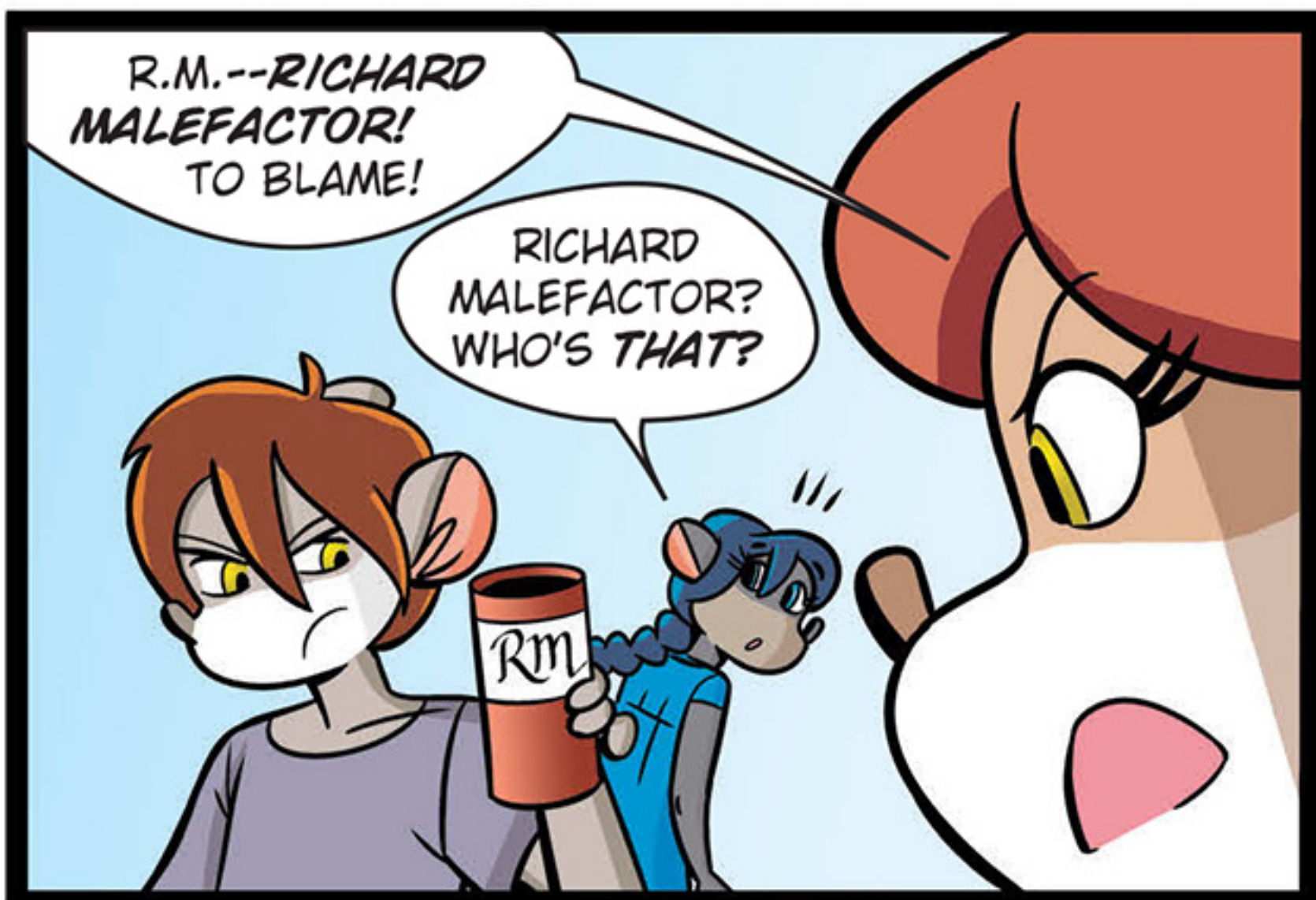
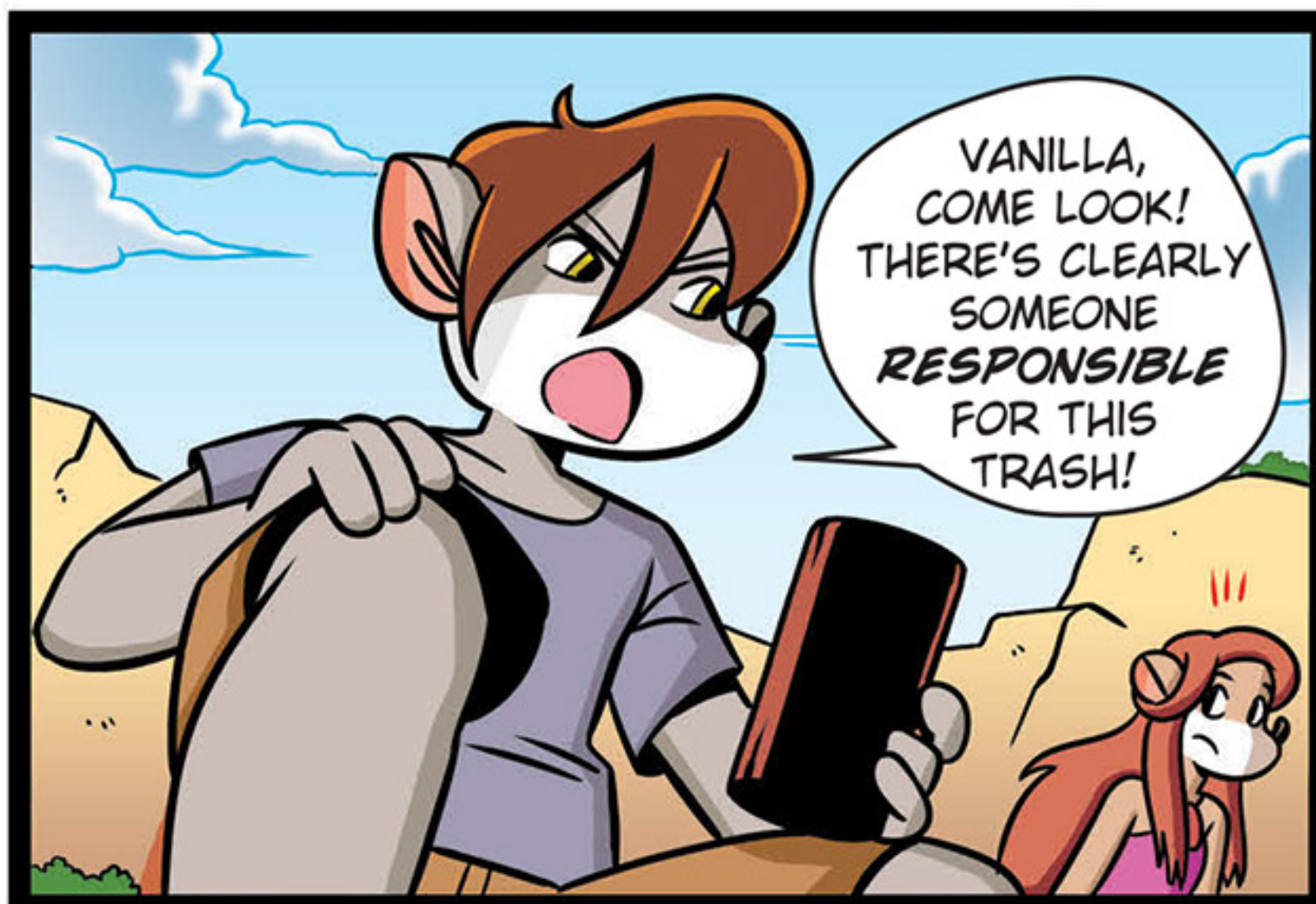
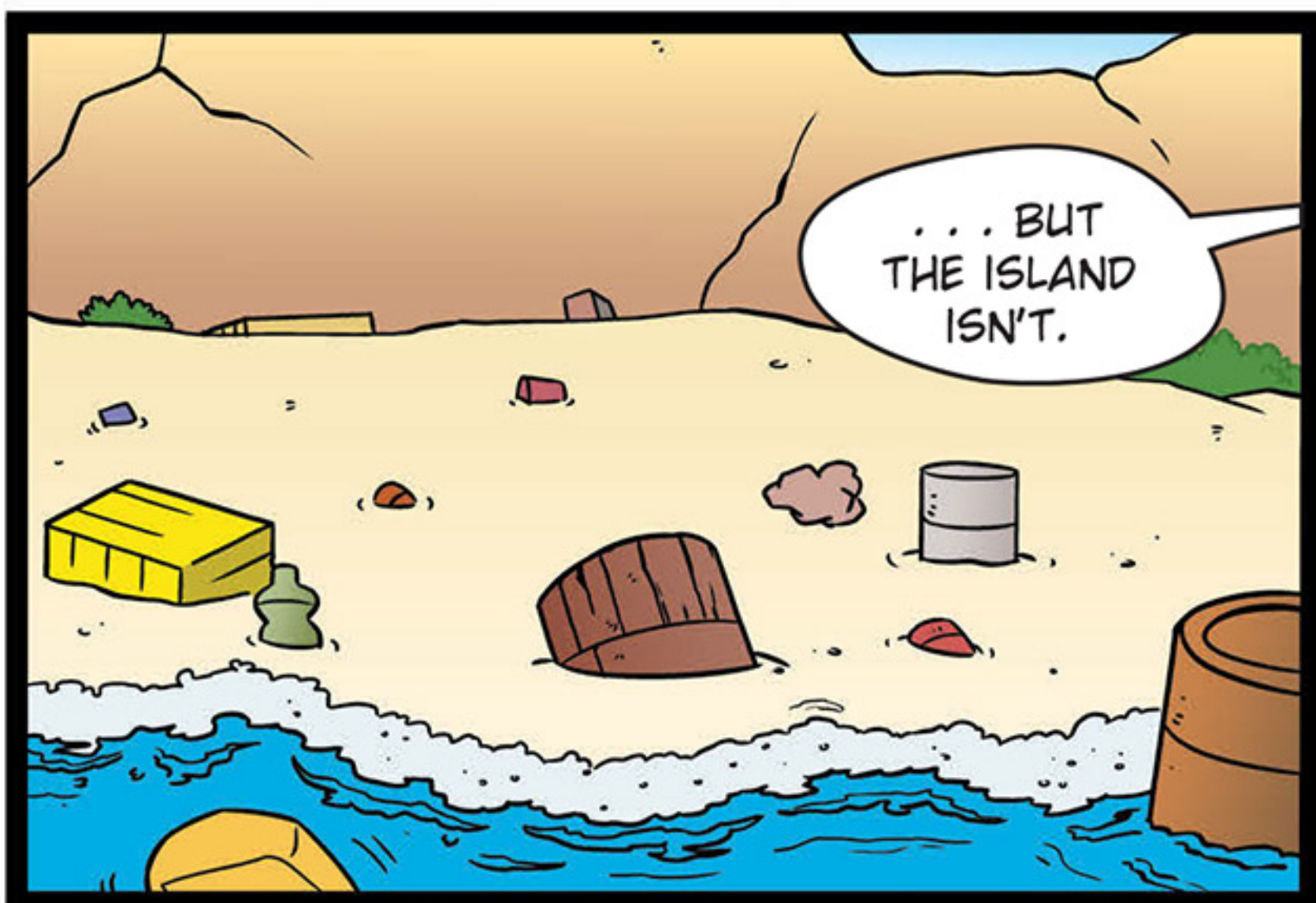
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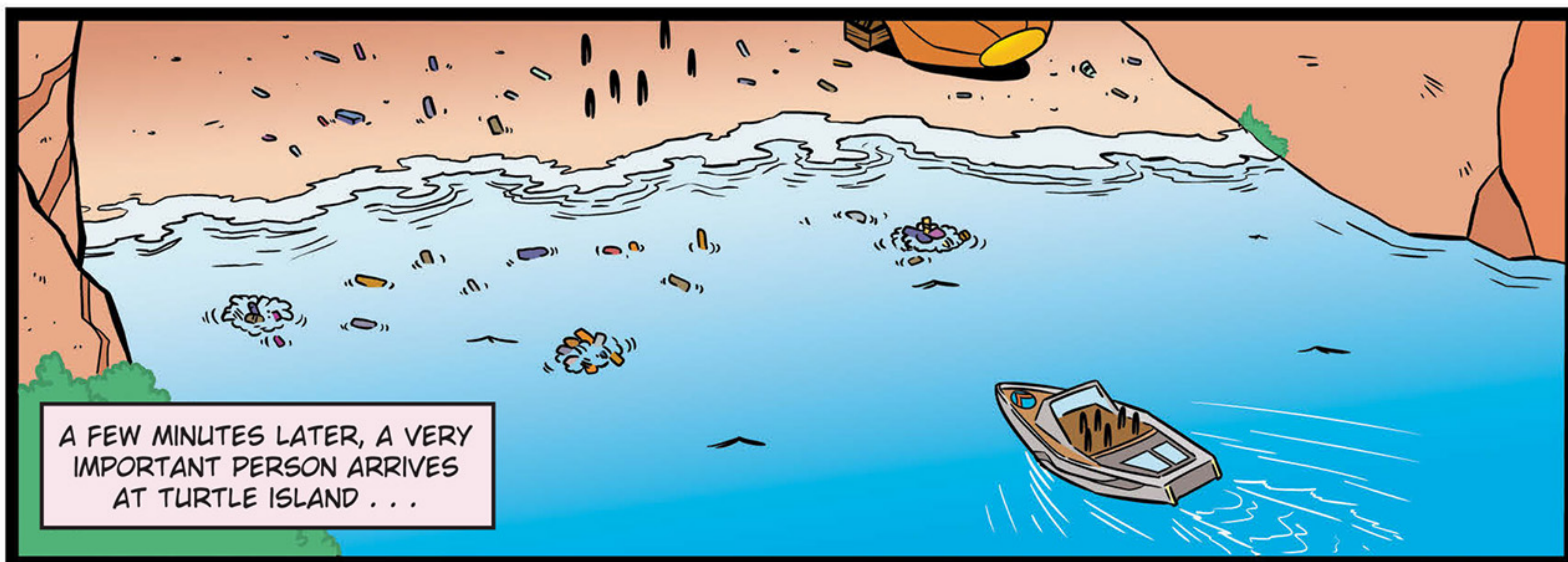
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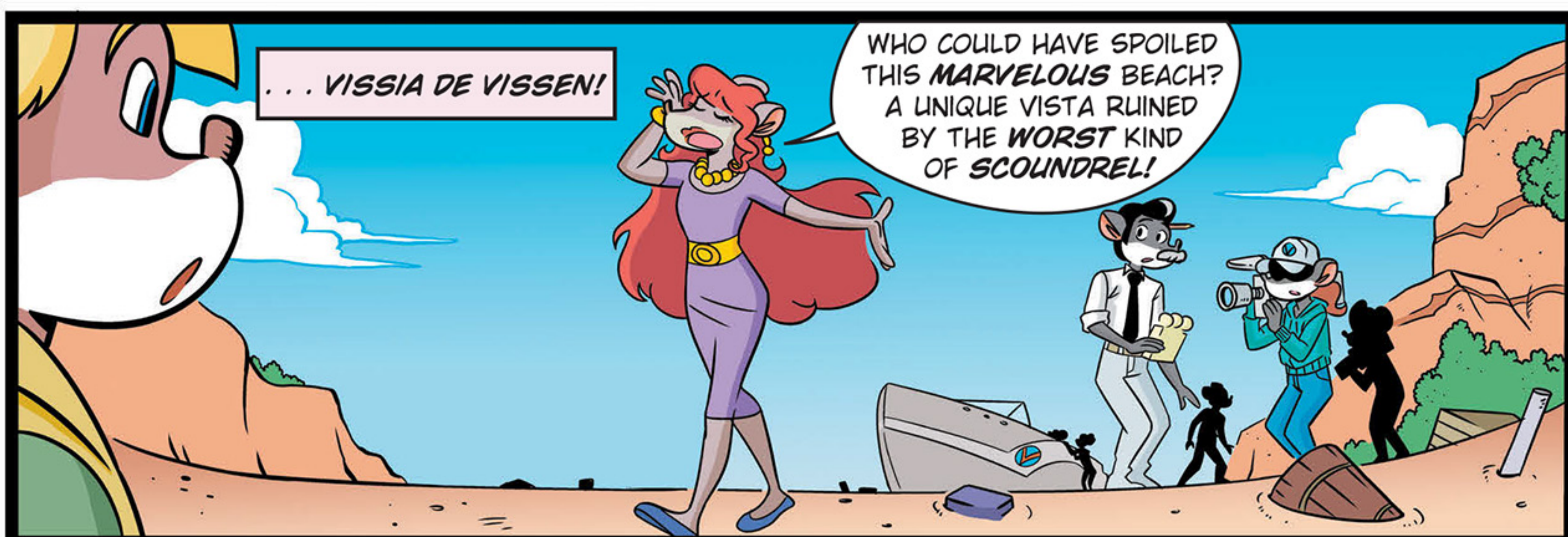






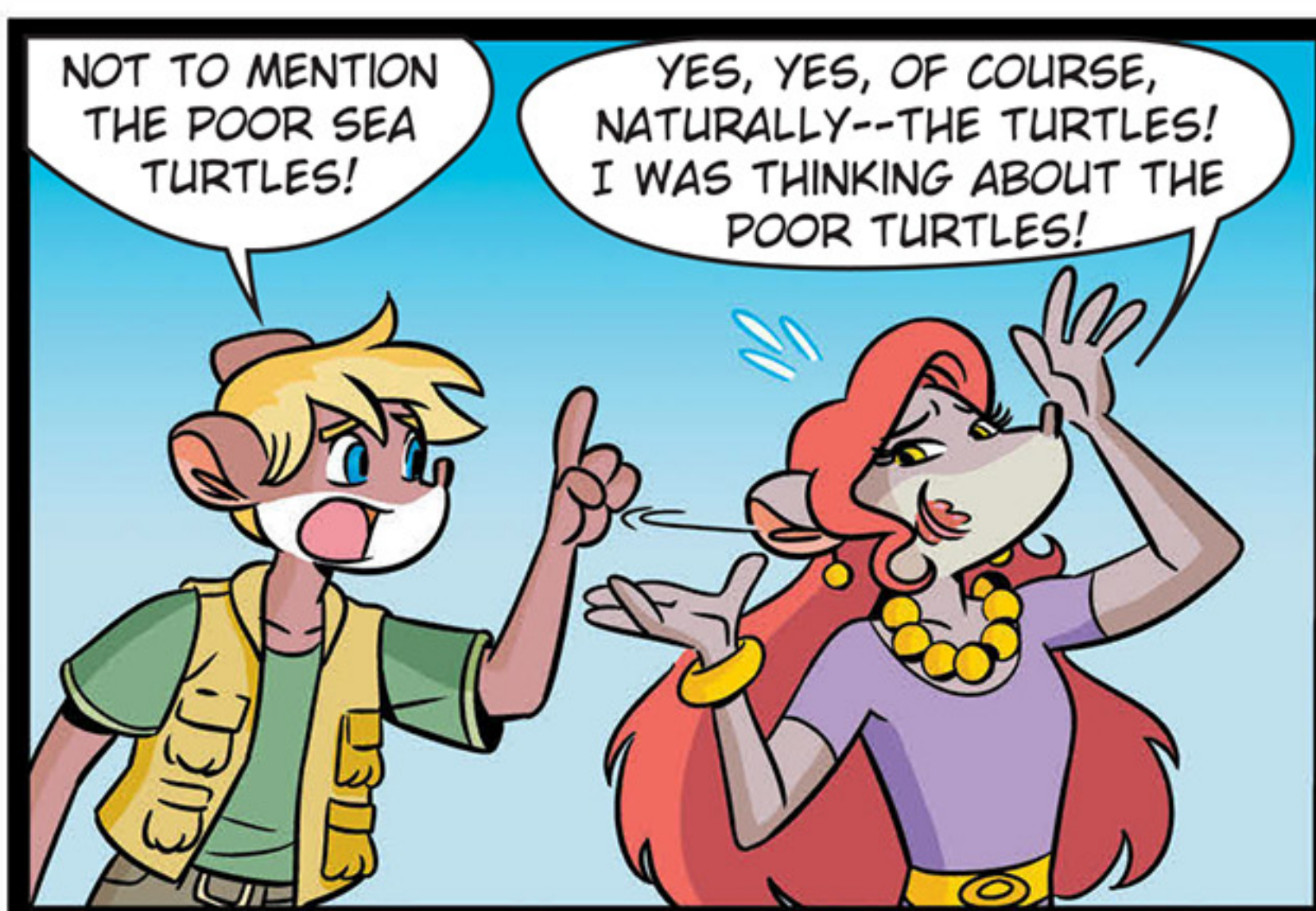


A FEW MINUTES LATER, A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON ARRIVES AT TURTLE ISLAND . . .



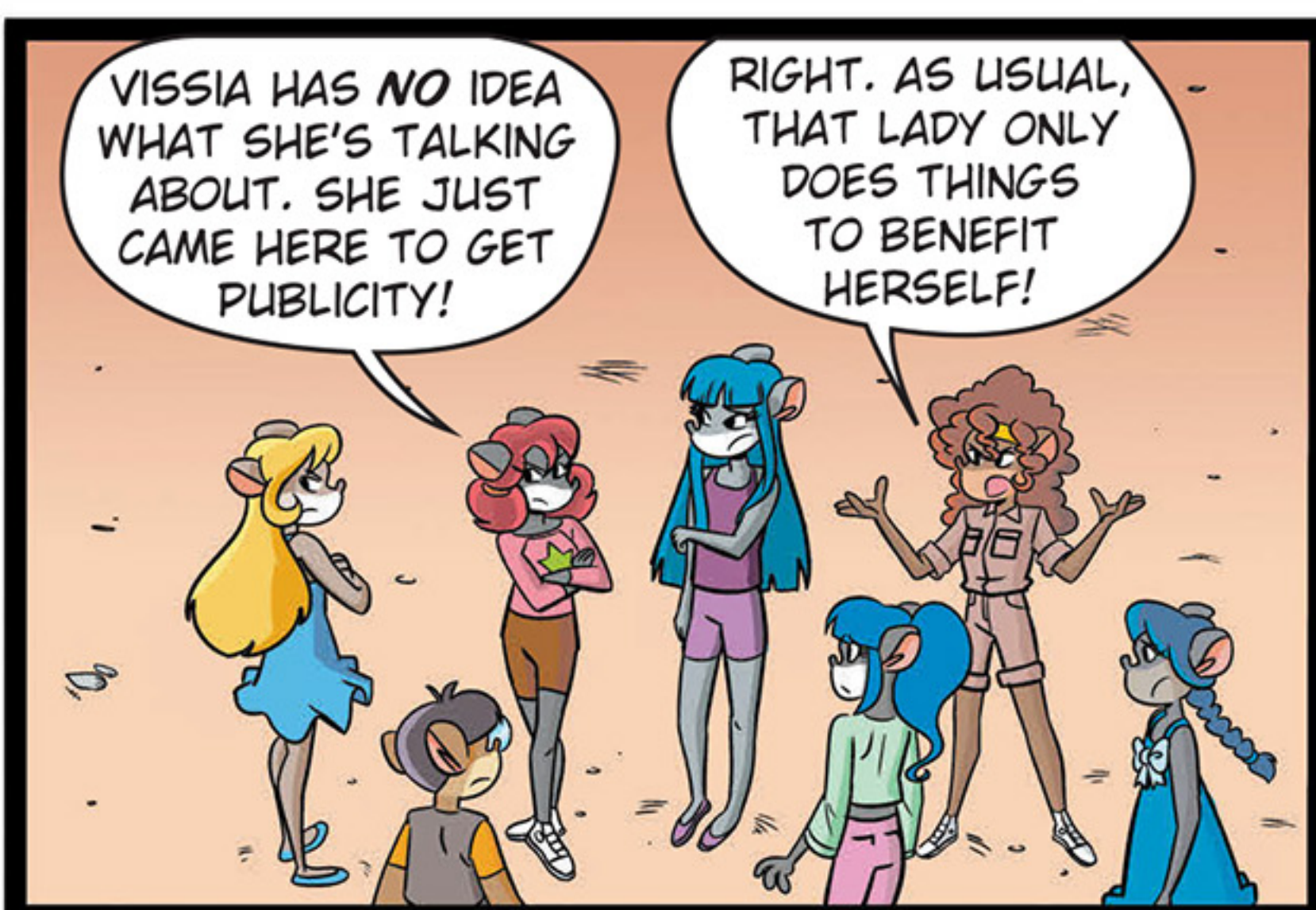
. . . VISSIA DE VISSSEN!

WHO COULD HAVE SPOILED THIS **MARVELOUS** BEACH? A UNIQUE VISTA RUINED BY THE **WORST** KIND OF **SCOUNDREL**!



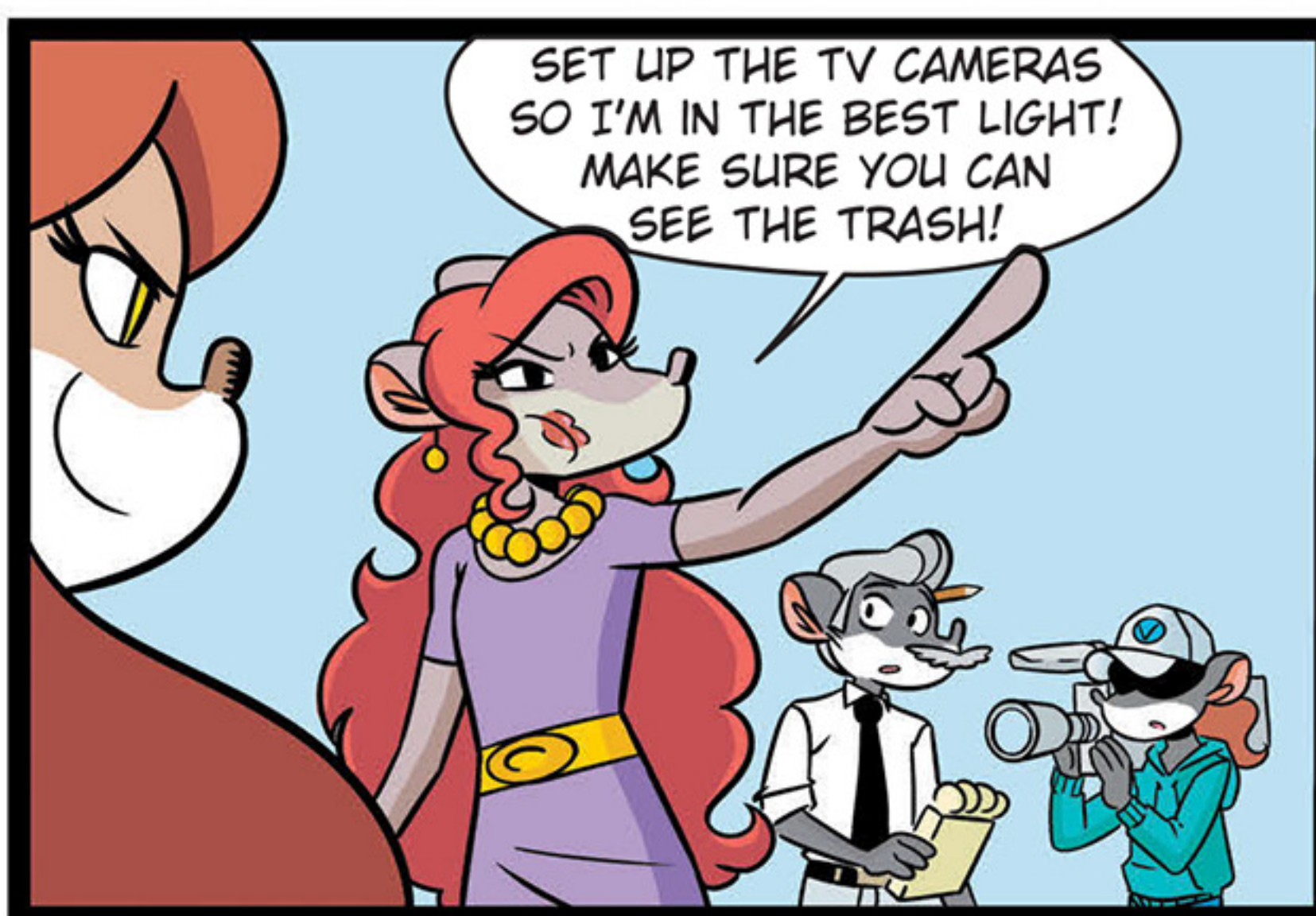
NOT TO MENTION THE POOR SEA TURTLES!

YES, YES, OF COURSE, NATURALLY--THE TURTLES! I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE POOR TURTLES!



VISSIA HAS NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT. SHE JUST CAME HERE TO GET PUBLICITY!

RIGHT. AS USUAL, THAT LADY ONLY DOES THINGS TO BENEFIT HERSELF!



SET UP THE TV CAMERAS SO I'M IN THE BEST LIGHT! MAKE SURE YOU CAN SEE THE TRASH!



AS SOON AS I SAW RICHARD MALEFACTOR'S LOGO, I KNEW YOU'D FINALLY BE ABLE TO GET YOUR REVENGE.

VERY CLEVER, VANILLA.

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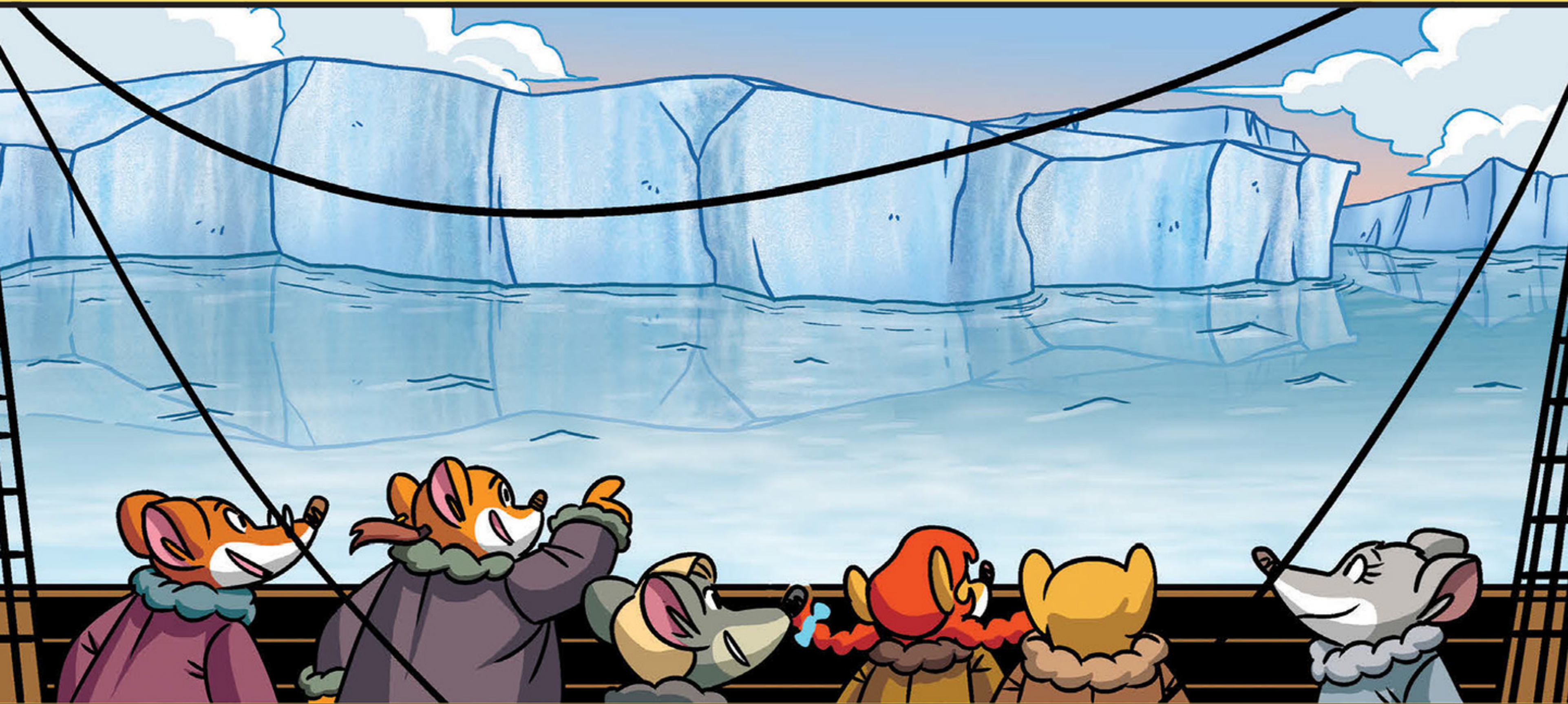
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